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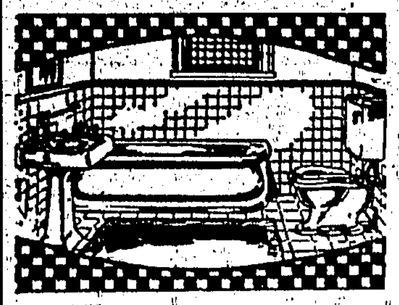

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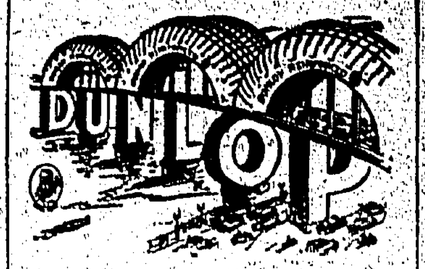

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THREE SHIPPING MISHAPS.

A DAY'S ADVENTURES ON WEST RIVER.

KOCHOW STRIKES ROCK AND IS BADLY HOLED.

BEACHED AT WUCHOW.

What must be very nearly a record even for the snares of the West River was set yesterday, when three shipping mishaps occurred at different points along the river's course. Fortunately, only one of the three can be regarded as really serious.

Two of them were groundings due to the low water, and though they are apparently still firmly embedded in the mud, no damage is reported, and it is anticipated that they will get off when the river rises.

Two Groundings.

The s.s. Tai Hing went aground on a bank approximately eighteen miles below Wuchow, while the s.s. Kong So grounded on the Second Bar. Both are Chinese river steamers of a very small size, and no trouble in getting them off is anticipated. The only possble danger is the prospect of a party of river-bandits appearing on the scene.

An accident to the Butterfield and Swire river-steamer, the s.s. Kochow, is of a much more serious nature.

The British authorities report that the vessel struck a rock five miles below Wuchow yesterday morning, and it is evident that the vessel struck very hard. No one was injured.

Kochow's Mishap.

The official report states that the damage is very serious. The master (Captain J. Manners) immediately turned his vessel round—she was on her way to Hongkong—and made as rapidly as the circumstances permitted to Wuchow. Eventually, it was found necessary to beach the steamer at Wuchow to prevent her from sinking.

It appears that the Kochow was badly holed under the No. 1 hatch.

She began to make water rapidly in her forehold, while a small amount of water was soon reaching the boiler room through the damaged bulkhead. The pumps were sufficient to cope with the water and the engines and boilers are intact.

Morning Fog.

The accident occurred at about 9.30 a.m. yesterday morning, and from one source it is learned that there was fog on the river yesterday.

The s.s. Kochow is insured with China Underwriters for $25,000. It is, however, probable that temporary repairs can be effected at Wuchow, allowing her to come to Hongkong under her own steam for docking purposes.

The Kochow is a steamer of 350 tons, and she is well-known in Hongkong, her name being brought into prominence in September, 1927, when she was pirated on the West River about two hours out of Samshui, her officers being taken by surprise and being unable to offer resistance to the gang who were on board as passengers.

Officer Killed.

The Chief Engineer, Mr. R. Black, was the only officer who made any suggestion of offering resistance and he was shot down without compunction from behind, a bullet entering his head, killing him instantly.

The body of the victim of the outrage was thrown overboard.

The vessel was stopped at nine o'clock at night near some Chinese villages and fifty people joined the pirate gang, wholesale looting going on for five or six hours. Two days later, the British naval authorities undertook a punitive expedition against the pirate villages, shelling them and destroying the premises on the waterfront.

PROPOSED KILTED BOY SCOUTS.

SCOTTISH TROOP MOOTED FOR KOWLOON.

PIPE BAND POSSIBLE.

An interesting development in connexion with the Boy Scout movement is, we understand, taking place in Kowloon, where a Scottish Troop of this well-known organisation is in process of being formed.

If, as there is every reason to believe will be the case, the new Troop is established, it should represent a striking addition to the Boy Scout movement locally, as it is intended that the kilt will form a conspicuous note in the lads' uniforms, whilst it is hoped eventually also to form a Pipe Band in connexion therewith.

Several boys from Kowloon Docks are showing a keen interest in the project, and it is hoped to augument their numbers from other Scottish boys residing on the Peninsula who are not already members of any existing Troop.

Mr. R.M. Dyer, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is actively interesting himself in the scheme, which we heartily commend to Scottish boys residing in Kowloon.

Enquiries by those interested should be addressed to Mr. W.C.K. Mackie, at Kowloon Docks.

STRIKE ON CHINESE EASTERN RLY.

SOVIET REPORTED TO BE DISMISSING CHINESE.

Harbin, Jan. 15.

The resumption of Soviet control of the Chinese Eastern Railway has been marked by the dismissal of no fewer than 900 Chinese employees.

The remaining Chinese employees of the Railway have declared a strike in protest against the Soviet step. Military Headquarters frontier have been abolished and the Commander-in-Chief, General Ting Chao, has returned to Harbin.

INDIAN STUDENT'S FLIGHT.

BAD WEATHER CAUSES HIS RETURN.

London, Jan. 15.

Man Mohan Singh, the young Indian student of Bristol University who started from Croydon last Saturday on an attempt to fly to India and win the Aga Khan's prize of £500, offered to the first Indian making such a flight, returned to Croydon to-day from Le Bourget in an ordinary mail aeroplane.

He met with a series of mishaps, and his aeroplane was badly damaged in Sunday's gale.—*British Wireless.*

CEYLON RAISES NEW LOAN.

QUICKLY OVER-SUBSCRIBED IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 15.

Lists for a new five per cent. loan for the Government of Ceylon were opened this morning and closed this afternoon, the issue being oversubscribed. The entire amount of the issue was £1,250,000, of which, however, £350,000 had already been placed in accordance with the terms of the prospectus, applications being invited for the balance of £900,000 at the price of 95.—*British Wireless.*

DRIZZLE AND MIST.

The Royal Observatory reports that a new anticyclone has formed over North China. Freshening monsoon along the South-East coast of China and light to moderate monsoon over the China Sea.

The local forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; some drizzle and mist.

We understand that the new China Navigation Company's steamer Tsinan is to be launched at Taikoo Dockyard on the 23rd. instant.

STARTLING OPIUM SEIZURE.

FOUR TONS FOUND ON BRITISH SHIP.

SHANGHAI POLICE MAKE A REMARKABLE HAUL.

VALUED AT $125,000.

One of the biggest seizures of opium in recent China history was made in Shanghai yesterday on a British steamer, according to information reaching the *Telegraph* through Chinese sources this morning.

The seizure was made by the police and customs authorities of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, and it consisted, says the report, of *no fewer than four tons of illicit opium in the raw state.*

The lowest possible valuation of the cargo is $125,000, based on the fact that opium in Szechuan, the place of its origin, is cheap.

If the opium had been prepared, it is estimated that its value could not have been less than $400,000.

On a B. & S. Boat.

The sensational haul was made on board a Butterfield and Swire steamer plying between Hankow and Shanghai. It is understood that the vessel concerned was the Tatung, though we are informed that as the cable received from Shanghai was in Chinese, the exact spelling is not certain.

Police on Look-out.

It appears that the Municipal Police received information last week-end that a wealthy gang engaged in opium smuggling had planned a big coup, having arranged for an unusually large consignment of the drug to be sent through to Shanghai from Szechuan.

Every steamer arriving from the Yangtsze since then has been subjected to a vigorous search, and the efforts of the authorities were rewarded yesterday morning by the startling discovery reported above.

"Big Men" Behind Affair.

How such a large quantity of opium was concealed is not stated, but apparently there would not be great difficulty about it as raw opium is usually despatched in balls.

No arrests were effected, but the police are pursuing enquiries and hope to trace the "big men" behind the affair.

SMUGGLING ON THE CHINA COAST.

PREVENTIVE SERVICE TO BE FORMED.

Nanking, Jan. 8.

A new department of the Ministry of Finance, to be known as the Preventive Service Department, to be responsible for the detection of all forms of smuggling into China will shortly be established, with Mr. Ying Sui-sheng as director.

The new department will have branch offices in the various provinces to cope with the extensive smuggling now going on.—*Kuo Min.*

THE REV. F. C. YOUNG.

TO-DAY'S BULLETIN NOT SO ENCOURAGING.

We regret to learn that the Rev. F. C. Young, minister of Union Church, who is lying at the Matilda Hospital suffering from pneumonia, passed a bad night, and that he was not nearly so well this morning.

On enquiry at tiffin-time, we were informed that the patient's condition was about the same.

THE ENGLISH CUP RE-PLAYS.

MILLWALL AND CORINTHS AGAIN DRAW.

BOURNEMOUTH UPSET.

London, Jan. 15.

Millwall and the Corinthians have still to decide the right of entry into the Fourth Round of the F. A. Cup. In the Third Round re-play to-day, another draw resulted, extra time failing to produce a winning goal.

Five other Cup re-plays were completed. There was one real surprise. Fulham defeated Bournemouth at Bournemouth, a feat which has not previously been accomplished this season.

Newcastle atoned for their failure before their own supporters, by defeating the Third Division side, York City, at York. Middlesbrough, also engaged aghinst a Third Division side, Chesterfield, and playing at home, were given a rare tussle, eventually winning by four goals to three.

The results as cabled by Reuter were:

F. A. Cup Re-Plays.

Millwall	1	Corinthians	1
Bournemouth	0	Fulham	2
Manchester C.	4	Tottenham	1
Huddersfield	3	Bury	1
Middlesbro'	4	Chesterfield	3
York City	1	Newcastle	2

Scottish Cup—1st Round.

Inverness Cldl.	1	Armadale	0

The revisions of the English Cup draw in accordance with the re-play results are as follows:

Huddersfield	v.	Sheffield U.
Middlesbro	v.	Charlton or Q. P. R.
Notts For.	v.	Fulham
Swindon	v.	Manchester C.
Newcastle	v.	Clapton O.

PORTUGUESE LAD DISAPPEARS.

HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE TUESDAY.

The complete disappearance of a Portuguese boy, aged 13 years, is causing considerable anxiety amongst his relatives and friends, and the police are now busy making exhaustive enquiries as to his whereabouts.

The lad is Joseph Xavier, son of Mr. G.M. Xavier of 20, Fee Woo Street, and he has not been seen since he left his home at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

A significant point is that it is believed that he together with another boy has been absent from school during the past week.

CUBAN SUGAR CROP GRINDING.

FOUR MONTHS DAY & NIGHT TASK STARTED.

Havana, Jan. 15.

A hundred and fifty-six sugar mills, including several which are among the largest in the world, at midnight began the grinding of the 1929/30 season crop, estimated at four and a half million tons raw.

The grinding will go on continuously for four months, working day and night.

The work is considered so important that a Presidential decree has been issued banning all political meetings and festivities.—*Reuter.*

LEAGUE COVENANT AMENDMENT.

SOME OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Geneva, Jan. 15.

Viscount Cecil (Britain), Mr. Adatchi (Japan) and Mr. Woo Kai-seng (China) are among the eleven members of the Committee appointed by the League Council to deal with the proposed amendment of the League Covenant in order to bring it into line with the Kellogg Pact.—*Reuter.*

Miss Irene Ho Tung, B.A., is to deliver a lecture on "Some Thoughts on Education" on Monday, 20th inst., at 8.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room of the University. The lecture is open to the public, and all interested are cordially invited.

HOME OF THE NAVY CONFERENCE.

PLANS FOR HISTORIC ASSEMBLY.

THRONE TO BE TAKEN TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

A PALACE ADAPTED.

London, Jan. 15.

The elaborate plans and preparations made for the assembling of the historic five-power naval conference, which will be opened on Tuesday by His Majesty the King with brilliant ceremony, are practically completed.

The opening ceremony will be staged in the magnificent Royal Gallery of the House of Lords, where at eleven o'clock in the morning, His Majesty will take his seat on the Throne brought from Buckingham Palace for the occasion.

King's Speech of Welcome.

The King, who will be attired in morning dress (which all the delegates to the conference will habitually wear) will be attended by the Royal Suite, and he will deliver a speech of welcome to the representatives of the interested Powers in the presence of a brilliant gathering of delegates, diplomats, members of the Cabinet, and distinguished visitors.

Immediately afterwards His Majesty will withdraw, and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as the President of the Conference will open the discussions. He will be followed by the other delegations in English in alphabetical order.

Real Home of Conference.

But the real home of the Conference, where all future deliberations will be held, will be the State Apartments at St. James's Palace.

Here, all that thought, money and time has been able to achieve, has been done by way of adapting the stately rooms to the exceptional requirements of the naval discussions.

Priceless pictures and gleaming armour on the walls will add dignity to the surroundings.

Drawing Room Converted.

In Queen Anne's drawing room a large table will accommodate the delegates for the principal larger meetings.

Nearly all the smaller salons have been set aside for the use of the Secretariat.

Unprecedented arrangements have been made for the benefit of the Press. There will be hundreds of journalists present coming from all parts of the world.—*Reuter.*

Romantic History.

St. James's Palace as a meeting house for a naval disarmament conference has a romantic appeal.

It was to St. James's Palace that Queen Elizabeth hastened from Richmond when it was learnt that the Armada had set sail for the English coast. It was here that she held council with Drake and her Admirals. It was to the Great Council Chamber that her enemies, Lord Howard, the Catholic Peers, and the aristocracy of England came to offer allegiance and to defend her shores with ships and men against Philip of Spain.

The courtyards were then full of mounted men ready to carry messages calling all good citizens to arms or delivering despatches offering assistance from men of every party and creed.

The greatest naval conference in our history was then held, but it meant war and destruction. The coming conference aims at peace.

Palace of Ease.

The vicissitudes of St. James's Palace have been many, yet to this day it bears the cachet of the English Court; foreign Ambassadors are still accredited to the Court of St. James's, though the Palace has long ceased to house the Sovereign.

The Palace was built in 1532 by Henry VIII. He had taken over Wolsey's Palace in the woodlands of Whitehall. The proximity of a lepers' home dedicated to St. James annoyed him, so he had it pulled down and built himself a small palace of retirement and ease. Holbein was commissioned to design

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MOB VIOLENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

POLICE DISPERSE STRIKING COAL-MINERS.

DRILLING IN STREET.

Sydney, Jan. 16.

Disturbing reports are to hand from the Northern coalfields, where the miners have struck owing to the State Government's attempt to run the collieries with volunteer labour.

Safety men and their deputies have been withdrawn, and some of the pits are likely to be permanently ruined.

The police, in a baton charge, scattered two thousand miners, accompanied by women, who had marched from Cessonock to the gates of the Abermain Colliery at Kearsley.

After the clash, the police commandeered motor lorries and raced to Kurri, where three thousand miners were drilling in the streets, but the latter dispersed when requested. Ex-soldiers undertook the drilling.

The Minister of Mines has issued a warning that a stage may soon be reached when an appeal will be made to the community to oppose the violence of drilled mobs of law-breakers.

New South Wales' coal requirement from the unaffected areas are only being half met, and the Government contemplate reimposing restrictions in the use of gas.—*Reuter.*

OVER $700 RAISED FOR CHARITY.

KOWLOON F.C. NEW YEAR FUNCTION.

The President and members of the Kowloon Football Club desire to express their thanks to all residents of Kowloon and Hongkong who so kindly supported the Club on the occasion of their annual charity match held on New Year's Day. The results were most gratifying as the sum of $726.86 was realised for charity. This amount has now been distributed as follows:

Poppy Day Fund	$200.00
Blind Home, Kowloon ...	200.00
Ministering Children's League	179.54
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ILLNESS OF MR. K. E. GREIG.

COLLAPSE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The many friends of Mr. K. E. Greig, manager of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd., will regret to learn that he is at present lying ill at the French Hospital.

We understand that he collapsed whilst attending a function at Government House on Monday night, and on his removal to hospital it was found that he was suffering from internal hemorrhage. On enquiry this morning, we were informed that he was as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Greig, who has been at Home for some time, is due here by the s.s. Karmala to-morrow morning.

SANCTIONS AGAINST GERMANY.

MEASURES IN CASE OF WILFUL DEFAULT.

The Hague, Jan. 15.

The question of the employment of sanctions in case of Germany's wilful default under the Young Plan has been settled.

Belgium, Britain, France, Italy and Japan have decided, and Germany has agreed, that if the International Court of Justice finds Germany guilty of default, the creditor Powers will resume full liberty of action.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN'S POLICY DEFINED.

PREMIER AND NAVAL CONFERENCE.

REAL DISARMAMENT HELD TO BE POSSIBLE.

NO EMPTY GESTURES.

London, Jan. 15.

Britain does not propose to make mere gestures with the object of encouraging naval disarmament. She will only move if other nations move correspondingly. This was the most important feature of a statement made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on British naval policy to-day when he received British and foreign journalists.

Our policy, the Premier said, was based upon the increased security due to recent peace agreements. A real advance in naval disarmament should therefore be possible. Navies, armies and air forces should be proportionate to the risks of war. They should be decreased when the risks decreased.

If we fail to reach an agreement now there will be another twenty years of competitive building, whereas if international equilibrium is secured, there will be no danger to national security.

The British delegates, added Mr. MacDonald, will not enter the conference bound hand and foot. We shall only move if other nations move correspondingly.

Any agreement reached will have to cover a period of years, probably to 1936.

The British Government would urge the disappearance of the battleship, the complete abolition of submarines, or their reduction to a minimum, and a considerable reduction in destroyers. The fate of destroyers would entirely depend upon submarines.

Government's Aim.

The express aim of the British Government in entering next week's naval conference is to achieve the maximum reduction in naval armaments commensurate with international security, avoiding proposals that would wreck chances of agreement, and bearing constantly in mind the extent of the British Empire and its dependence of the Royal Navy for the protection of seaborne trade and maritime communications.

Justification for the hope that such reduction may safely be realised is to be found, primarily, in the numerous instruments for entrenching security which have been signed since the war.

The Covenant of the League of Nations, the Washington Treaty, the Locarno Treaties, the Optional Clause and the Pact of Paris are the most notable of these instruments, but, in addition, there have been a number of regional agreements to which the signatories attach considerable importance for the maintenance of world peace.

Checking Expansion.

The cumulative effect of these agreements, it is felt, make some advance in the direction of naval disarmament possible for, in the view of the Government, military force must bear some relation to the immediate risk of war, which, as a result of these agreements, has been reduced.

It is bad statesmanship to maintain armaments beyond necessity.

It is also the opinion of the Government that the dangerous tendency within recent years to expand the world naval armament may, unless checked, lead to competition.

There are three ways in which the problem of naval reduction may be approached; firstly by the reduction of the fleets in being, secondly, by a reduction of the programmes sanctioned by the various Governments, and thirdly, by an extension of the lives of existing ships.

The Age Limit.

In regard to battleships, the Washington Treaty left their age at 20 years. If that life can be extended at the coming conference to 25 years, the result will be equivalent to a reduction.

As to the cruisers, the problem is largely that of the distribution

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BRITISH MATERIALS TO BE USED.

The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,300 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductors insulators, and other accessories.

The overhead lines are one section of the system of overhead lines covering the whole of England and Scotland which are being erected by the Central Electricity Board with the object of linking up the main generating stations throughout the country and affording a cheap supply of electric power in all districts.

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PEAK TRAGEDY INQUEST.

DOCTORS GIVE DETAILED MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

INSANITY POINT.

There was a large attendance of Police officials, members of the *China Mail* and *Sunday Herald* staffs, and other persons interested as witnesses, at the Coroner's enquiry, opened before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, into the circumstances surrounding the double tragedy which occurred on New Year's Night, when Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, the Managing Director of the *China Mail* and *Sunday Herald* and Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Burnett, his wife, were found dead, from bullet wounds in the head, at their house at No. 110, The Peak.

A jury comprised of Messrs. V. G. Kerley, W. J. Waddington, and H. T. Buxton was empanelled, with Mr. Kerley as foreman.

The enquiry opened with the medical evidence, given by Dr. S. S. Strahan, who had been attending Mr. Burnett, and by Dr. Alexander Cannon, who performed the *post-mortem* examination. The former said that on the occasions that Mr. Burnett had been to see him, he found the deceased to be suffering from raised blood pressure and weakness in the muscles of the heart, attended by signs manifested of excitement and irritability: while the latter witness said that the fatal wound in the case of Mrs. Burnett was not self-inflicted, and in the case of Mr. Burnett, self-inflicted.

At the outset of the proceedings, the Coroner said that it was a joint enquiry into the death of Mr. G. W. C. Burnett and that of his wife, Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth Burnett, which occurred on January 1. They were found dead, apparently having been shot, in their house.

His Worship anticipated no difficulty whatever in arriving at the facts. The main point before the jury would be to arrive at the mental condition of the principal actor in the tragedy. In this, they would be assisted by a great deal of medical evidence, given by two witnesses, Dr. S. S. Strahan and Dr. A. Cannon. It was proposed to deal first with the evidence of Dr. Strahan as he was the first doctor to see the body. As far as they knew, the deaths occurred between 9 and 9.30 in the evening.

Causes of Death.

Dr. S. S. Strahan, a member of the medical firm of Allan and Strahan, stated that he received a telephone message from Mr. T. H. King (the Divisional Superintendent, Director of Criminal Intelligence) at about 5 minutes to 11 on the night of January 1, asking him to go to Mr. Burnett's house.

Later, witness met Mr. King and they went together to the house, where he found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, whom witness knew personally. Mr. Burnett was sitting in an arm chair, and Mrs. Burnett was sitting on a couch. They were both dead.

The cause of death, continued witness, in the case of Mrs. Burnett, was a bullet wound in the head.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said he made no further examination. He did not, however, consider that the wound could have been self-inflicted.

Witness examined Mr. Burnett and found him dead. In his case also, death was caused by a bullet wound in the head. The wound could have been self-inflicted. Judging by the tension of the body, witness should imagine that death had occurred an hour or so before.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that Mr. Burnett had been to see him at his office, in 1928 and also in 1929. Deceased was suffering from raised blood pressure and weakness of the muscles of the heart.

The Coroner: Did he see you often?—Witness: I saw him in my office about four or five times in 1928, and three times last year, in July and August.

The Coroner: What effect, in your opinion, would this have on his mental condition?—

Witness: On account of the changes in the blood pressure, there might be changes in the brain too, which may lead to mental degeneration.

The Coroner: Do you know if he was in a normal condition when he saw you?—I saw that he was rather excited in his gesticulations. He said he was depressed. He conveyed the impression of being irritated. The last time he saw me, he said he was much better, and he did not come back again.

Replying to another question, witness agreed that from what he discovered of the condition of Mr. Burnett there was nothing to suggest at the time that it would lead to suicidal tendencies.

The Post Mortem.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, medical officer in charge of Victoria Mortuary, who was next called, said that he conducted a *post mortem* examination, at 11.45 on the morning of January 2, of the remains of Mrs. Burnett, who appeared to be aged about 60.

Speaking of the cause of death, he said that it was primarily due to a gunshot wound in the head, the position of the wound showing that it could not have been self-inflicted. The secondary cause of death was haemorrhage.

The direction of the wound was from the crown of the head downwards towards the base of the skull, and then towards the left ear. Witness presumed that the deceased would be lying back at the time and that the party firing the revolver would be doing so from behind. The result was fracture of the base of the skull, causing instantaneous death. A bullet of .32 calibre was extracted by witness from the skull, and witness said that the wound was consistent with the use of a revolver of this calibre.

Speaking of the *post-mortem* examination he made of the body of Mr. Burnett, witness said that the primary cause of death in this case was a gunshot wound which extended clean through the head. It started in the left temple, a finger's breadth in front of the left ear, and passed out of the head, roughly two finger's breadth above the right ear. The size of the wound was consistent with the use of a second bullet of the same .32 calibre produced by the police, and was also consistent with a left handed suicidal wound.

The Coroner:—Was Mr. Burnett left handed?—I think he was ambidextrous.

A Weak Heart.

Referring to Mr. Burnett's general physical condition, Dr. Cannon said that the heart showed marked degeneration, which meant that he had an excessively weakened heart. As regards the brain, there was no evidence to the naked eye of any organic disease beyond the fact that congestion was universally present throughout the brain. The arteries of the brain had become thickened and hardened.

The Coroner:—I understand Mr. Burnett was a personal friend of yours?—That is correct.

I think that as a friend he consulted you?—Yes, he did. He came to me some months ago and said that he could get nobody to give him a thorough overhaul. He was worried about his heart. I gave him an examination and arrived at the conclusion that he had a markedly high blood pressure, and an enlarged heart with a weak action. His nervous system, too, was weak. From the symptoms displayed, Mr. Burnett had evidently suffered from angina pectoris during the past few months, and it must have commenced many years ago.

The Coroner:—This was only discovered through his exposition to you?—Yes.

Mentality Question.

The Coroner:—In the first place, have you any opinion as to Mr. Burnett's mentality? Did you regard him as a perfectly normal

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SALESMAN $AM — Breezy Co=clusion — By Small

Some of the 2nd. Battalion. The Hampshire Regiment, arriving at Dover from Wiesbaden. The evacuation of the British Army of the Rhine is now completed. (*Times* copyright).

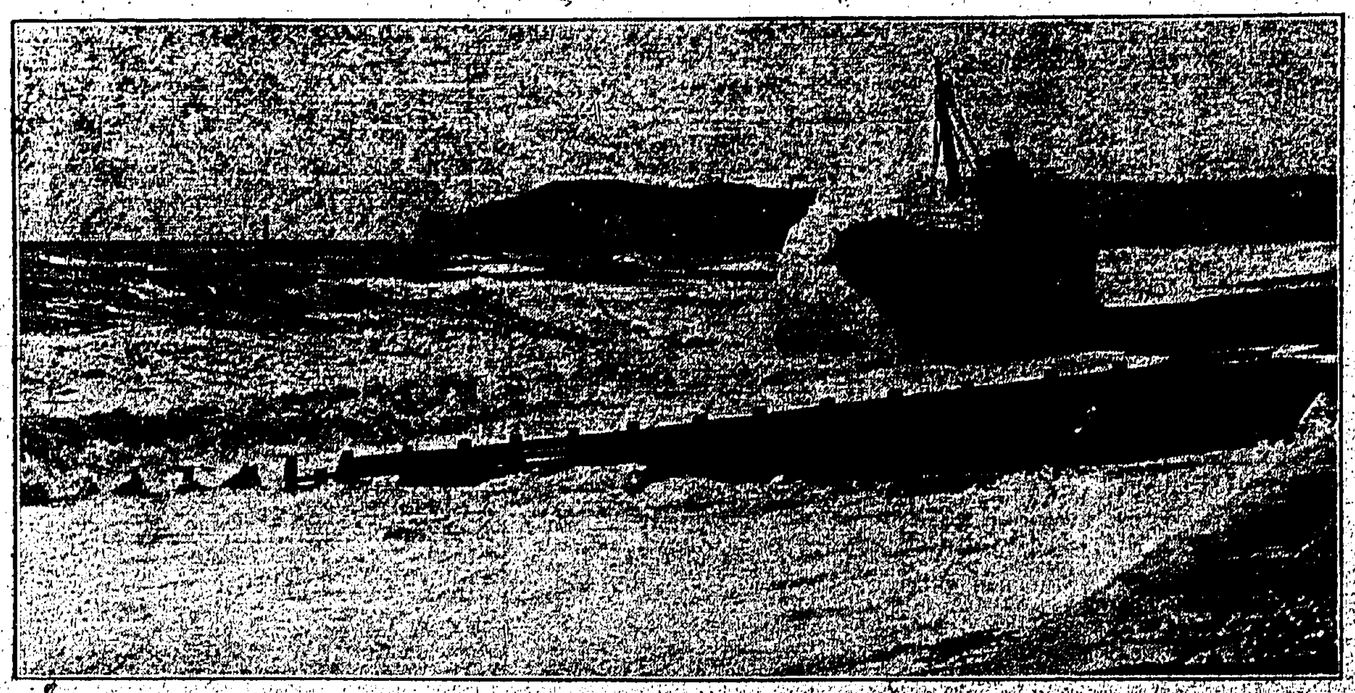
M. Sokolnikoff, the new Soviet Ambassador to Great Britain, photographed on his arrival at London. Mme. Sokolnikoff is seen next to him. (*Times* copyright).

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales recently inaugurated the appeal for the reconstruction of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. (*Times* copyright).

The recent floods rendered many people homeless in Somerset, where the River Tone has burst its banks and spread across the lowlying moors. Our picture taken from the bridge at East Lyng, shows a goods train on its way to Athelney. (*Times* copyright).

Although there was a lull in the stormy weather on December 10, the Thames continued to rise. A view of the flooded valley in the neighbourhood of Wargrave, between Henley and Reading, where the river was 26 inches above the normal level. (*Times* copyright..

Above is the volunteer crew of the lifeboat which rescued the crew of the Glasgow s.s. Volumnia, which recently sank in mid-Atlantic. The rescue carried out in enormous seas constitutes one of the most stirring episodes of the great storm in the Atlantic last month. Two trips were necessary. Second Officer Downing (fifth from left) was in charge. To the right of him are Third Officer Espley, and Mr. Ralph Ziegler, a passenger member of the volunteer crew



The havoc of the gale: stormy seas on the south coast. In the fierce gale which struck Southern England recently, many wrecks are reported and loss of life. Our picture shows waves breaking over the wrecked Merwede, a Rotterdam steamship, the crew of which were eventually rescued by rocket apparatus. (*Times* copyright).

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One of the finest stocks of Men's Hose in the Colony will be found at Mackintosh's. There are designs, colourings and effects to suit all tastes and all are made from fine quality yarns which will give every satisfaction in wear.

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TO LET:—Furnished House on the Peak from April 1930 to November 1931. Six rooms, modern sanitation, near motor road. Write Box No. 621, care of Hongkong Telegraph.

TO LET.—One furnished room in private boarding house, suitable for bachelors or married couple. Very central. Write Box No. 620, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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TO LET.—No. 1, Argyle Street. Four roomed, bath rooms, garage, etc. Furnished or unfurnished. Moderate—rental. Apply Assumpcao, 5 Peace Avenue, Homuntin. K. 591.

TO LET.—Office Rooms, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building. Apply to Sang Kee, same Building.

Office (2 Rooms) to be let from 1st January, 1930, in Hongkong Club (Annex). Apply Secretary, Hongkong Club.

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60 cents per lb.

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NOTICE.

The undermentioned cargo has been lying at Messrs. The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd's Godowns undelivered and unless delivery is taken or claimed on or before 18th. January, 1930 consignees and/or others interested in the cargo are hereby notified that same will be sold by Public Auction to defray storage and other charges due.

Bill of Lading	Marks & Nos	Description of cargo	ex s.s.
Antwerp No. 1	Kwangsi Cement Factory Labels Cimescuat	3,600 barrels cement	"Benmohr" 4/6/29
Antwerp No. 14	Kwangsi Cement Factory	342 bales Sheets 21 Crates Galv'd Sheets & Acces. 6 Crates Steel Sheets. 19 cases Bolts Nuts & Washers	"Benvrackie" 4/7/29.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents: The Ben Line Steamers, Ltd.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1930.

NOTICE

The undermentioned Cargo has been lying at Messrs. Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, undelivered, and unless delivery is taken or claimed on or before 31st January, 1930, Consignees and/or others interested therein are hereby notified that same will be sold by Public Auction to defray storage and other charges due.

Bill of Lading.	Marks & Numbers.	Description of cargo.	ex S. S.
Antwerp. No. 1.	W Hongkong	10 Cases Window Glass 2 " Plate "	"City of Tokio" arrived 16.7.29
" No. 2.	" "	9 pkgs. Dismantled Trucks 4 " Turn Tables	do
" No. 4.	// White K.C.L. Hongkong	3240 Pieces Rails. 162 Bundles Fish Plate. 3 Cases Crampo 24 B-gs Bolts.	do

THE BANK LINE LIMITED,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1929.

New Advertisements

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Owners are reminded that entries for the Annual Race Meeting must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before Saturday, 18th January, 1930, at 3 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting.

22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th February & 1st March, 1930.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms are now ready and may be obtained upon application to the Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1930.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

Madame Katie & Cissy have removed their place of business from Ashly Road, Kowloon, to TESTER'S BEAUTY PARLOUR, KAYAMALLY BUILDING (GROUND FLOOR), Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Madame Katie has now received the latest permanent waving machine, which takes only two hours to fix the hair.

HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., will preside at the Constituent Meeting to be held in the City Hall on TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, at 5 p.m.

Ladies and gentlemen who are interested are invited to attend.

The Business of the Meeting will be to adopt a constitution for a Society for the Protection of Children and to elect officers and General and Executive Committees.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 11th February, 1930, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 21st January to TUESDAY, 11th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order,
of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th Jan., 1930.

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Sunday, January 19th

BARBIERE de SIVIGLIA

Monday, January 20th

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA and PAGLIACCI

Tuesday, January 21st

FAUST

Wednesday, January 22nd

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Booking at Moutrie's and the Star.
Prices $6, $5, $2 & $1.

NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of January, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyors of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2296.	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2200, Tung Choi Street.	As per sale plan.				About 9,425	$168	$ 7,675

G. R.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of January, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1239	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lots No. 592, Ota Yan Street.	As per sale plan.				About 5,400	$33	$5,400

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Friday,
the 17th January, 1930,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Room,
Duddell Street,

A Valuable Collection of Curios,

comprising:—

Porcelain Vases, Bowls, Plates, Figures, Flower Pots, Old Bronze Ware, Incense Burner, Blackwood Porcelain Panel Screens, Table Screens, Ivory, Crystals, Jade and Agate Ornaments, Old Embroideries, Iron Pictures, Chinese Hand Paintings, Lacquer Ware, Blackwood Ware, etc., etc.

also

3 Pieces Diamond Jewellery.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

On View from Thursday, the 16th January, 1930.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Saturday,
18th., January 1930
at 11 o'clock a.m.
at their Sales Room,
Duddell Street

Four (4) German Pointer Pups

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RIFLE SHOOTING

A meeting of all interested in Rifle Shooting will be held at

VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS

on

Wednesday, 15th January, 1930

at 5.30 p.m.

for the purpose of reviving

THE HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE,

particularly with a view to entering for the Interport Shoot.

BUSINESS:—

Passing of Accounts,
Election of Officers,
Programme for 1930.

R. WYLIE,
Chairman (pro. tem.)
January 9th, 1930.

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THERAPION No. 1
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SOLD BY LEADING CHEMISTS. PRICE IN ENGLAND, 5s. per box. MANUFACTURED BY A. R. MALLEBAY-DEAN, Co., Harvey House, 31, Hay Hill, W.1, London. SEE THAT THE NAME OF THE WORD "THERAPION" IS ON EACH BOX. GOVT. STAMP AFFIXED TO GENUINE PACKETS.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office, where full information concerning all wireless services may be obtained at all times, is situated on the ground floor of the P and O. Building in Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The parcel post service to the Province of Kwangsi is resumed and letter mails are again being forwarded by direct steamers.

Holders of Wireless Licences are advised that under the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations all such licences expire on December 31st, and that licences for the coming year must be renewed as early as possible during the month of January.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Australia and Manila	Kaga Maru	January 16.
Manila	Emps. of Russia	January 17.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Sin Kiang	January 17.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	January 17.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London 19th December and parcels 12th December, 1929	Karmala	January 17.
U.S.A., (Seattle 28th Dec. 1929) Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	January 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Khiva	January 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Siberia Maru	January 18.
Shanghai and Swatow	Nanchang	January 18.
Straits	Haruna Maru	January 19.
Amoy	Takada	January 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Teiyo Maru	January 20.
Manila	Pres. Taft	January 20.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	January 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Antenor	January 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Ho Sang	January 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	January 24.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 27th December, 1929), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Adams	January 25.
U.S.A., (San Francisco, 3rd Jan.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Jefferson	January 27.
U.S.A., (Seattle 11th January), Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	January 31.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Kaga Maru	Thurs., Jan. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Taming	Thurs., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Hermod	Thurs., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Jan. 17, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Karmala	Fri., Jan. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Wong Shek Kung	Thurs., Jan. 17, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and *South Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Khiva	Sat., Jan. 18. K.P.O. Parcels Jan. 17, 4.30 p.m. Registration Jan. 18, 9 a.m. Letters Jan. 18, 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels Jan. 17, 5 p.m. Registration Jan. 18, 9.45 a.m. Letters Jan. 18, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 15th February.)
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow	Sat., Jan. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaigan	Sun., Jan. 19, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Sun., Jan. 19, 9 a.m.
Formosa via Swatow and Amoy	Canton Maru	Sun., Jan. 19, 9 a.m.
Shanghai	Haruna Maru	Mon., Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Antilochus	Mon., Jan. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hosang	Mon., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B. C.	Pres. Taft	Mon., Jan. 20. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 7th Feb.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Taft	Mon., Jan. 20. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and *South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Antenor	Tues., Jan. 21, K. P. O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. G. P. O. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m. (Due Marseilles 19th February).
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Tenyo Maru	Tues., Jan. 21. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m. (Due San Francisco 13th Feb.)
Swatow	Hang Sang	Tues., Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Foochow	Yusang	Tues., Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa and *South American Ports	Montevideo Maru	Wed., Jan. 22, 1.30 p.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf hole starts out a little SLOW and apparently keeps up that PACE until the end. At the same time it requires some pretty fair letter golfing.

S	L	O	W
P	A	C	E

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations dont's count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

BURMA'S STATUS.

ULTIMATE PARTING FROM INDIA.

Rangoon, Jan. 15.

Separation between Burma and India is only a matter of time, declared the Governor, Sir Charles Innes, speaking at a Trades Association dinner.

Outlining the Burma Government's views on separation, he said the closer India approximated to self-government the less justification would there be for including Burma in India merely for the reason of administrative convenience.

Burma could not properly be included in self-governing India,

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How Nervous Exhausted Women Can Regain Vigour, Vivacity, Charm.

Many people live at too high pressure now-a-days. This constant strain taxes severely the physical reserves even of the strongest; among women especially its ill-effect are seen in the increase of nervous troubles, sleeplessness, anaemia, the early loss of vitality, and of youthful charm and bloom.

If you feel too tired to enjoy an evening's pleasure, if your eyes lack lustre and are encircled with dark rims, if your appetite is fickle, your temper capricious, your spirits droop, you are troubled with headaches, can no longer be happy and lively in the company of friends, your urgent need is tonic treatment for your blood and nerves. And this is best provided by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

For over five-and-forty years Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been renowned for their unique recuperative value to both sexes. During this long period innumerable women throughout the world have testified to the remarkable powers to these Pills as a tonic restorative, and as a corrective of the ailments of their sex. The good effects of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are usually first noticed in a distinct increase of appetite. Digestive troubles cease, insomnia gives place to sound refreshing sleep, the nerves become steady and revitalized, the eyes brighten, the skin freshens and by increased colour shows that rich blood is coursing through the veins. The spirits grow light, there is a sense of renewed vigour and well-being throughout the entire system.

And it does not take long for this improvement to become manifest. Give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills but a short trial and you will be gratified to find how soon you will feel their good effects. Do not delay. To-day is the best day to begin. Your chemist sells them $1.50 per bottle, $8. for 6 bottles. Nothing else is just the same or just as good, so ask for, and insist upon having

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

IS IT REALLY RUNNING?

That's the question every woman asks the first time she sees the New Silent Kelvinator

SO SILENT is the new 1929 Kelvinator that even when standing close by, you cannot detect whether the mechanism is running. Scores of women who have inspected the new unit are delighted with its smooth, silent performance.

Call and make the test yourself. Then note the other advanced features of the New Silent Kelvinator, including the new flexible rubber tray for instant removal of ice cubes, automatic cold-keeper and artistic, sturdy cabinets.

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ON GOLD BASIS.

CHINA'S VERY BIG LOAN OBLIGATIONS.

Nanking, Jan. 15.

Following a meeting this morning, the Government has instructed the Inspector General of Customs to collect import duties on a gold basis as from February 1.

Commenting on this decision, the Finance Minister stated that the action was necessary, otherwise China would be unable to satisfy the foreign loan obligations secured on the Customs.

He pointed out that China pays nine millions sterling every year, which at the present silver levels would mean this year an excess in taels of sixty per cent. compared with 1925, and twenty per cent. compared with last year.

Position Explained.

The Finance Minister has issued a statement explaining that in converting specific rates to a gold basis the average rate of exchange for the last three months of 1929 will be used, from February 1 to March 15. On and after March 16, the approximate average rate of exchange for January, 1929, will be used.

On and after February 1, the Haikwan tael will be discontinued as a unit of calculation of duties on imports from abroad. Instead, a new gold unit will be used. This unit will be equal to 60.1866 centigrams of pure gold, and will therefore be equivalent to forty gold dollar cents, or 19.7265 pence, or .8025 gold yen.

From February 1 to March 15, inclusive, the specific duties on imports from abroad, now expressed in Haikwan taels, will be converted into the new unit on a basis of one Haikwan tael equals 1.50 of the new unit, and beginning with March 16 on a basis of one Haikwan tael equals 1.75 of the new unit.

As heretofore, dollars, taels and other currencies will be received in payment of duties, and the rates at which such currencies will be accepted will be announced from time to time. At least three days' notice will be given in the event of any change of rates.—*Reuter.*

Permission has been given to the Motor Cycle Section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps to hold a motor cycle reliability trial on the lines outlined last week. The trial will start from Kowloon at midnight on January 30 providing the number of entries warrants the event. There are indications that local motor cyclists will give excellent support to the trial and a large entry is expected.

MUI TSAI'S SEVERE TREATMENT.

CHINESE WOMAN FINED AT KOWLOON.

Ill-treatment of a *mui tsai* by tying her up and beating her with a cane was alleged against a married woman of Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo, on her appearance before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Thomas, who examined the girl two days after she had received the caning, found marks of no less than 22 strokes of the cane. When told to examine the girl in Court, he said that the marks were still visible and expressed surprise that they should be still present fifteen days after they had been inflicted.

The woman, on conviction, was fined $100. His Worship described her as a thoroughly heartless person.

The defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. Remedios, while Mr. H. R. Butters, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, appeared for the prosecution.

Mr. Remedios denied ill-treatment, but remarked that his client admitted that she had at all times chastised the girl for the purposes of correction.

THE "PAGAN."

NOVARRO AN IDEAL ACTOR.

A short time ago John Russel, the novelist, astounded the reading world with "The Pagan," his famous tale of the mystic South Seas.

Now comes Ramon Novarro and makes the novel a living, breathing reality. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's sound synchronized filmization of this famous book, photographed in the South Seas on the actual locales described in the story, and with Novarro as the young hero, is being shown to-day at the Queen's Theatre. It is one of Novarro's outstanding pictures and it introduces his voice to the screen. His rendition of "The Pagan Love Song," the theme song of the production, is one of the noteworthy things that has come from the cinema sound stages.

Set amid the gorgeous scenery of the South Seas, it weaves a hauntingly delicate love romance between the island boy and girl. This romance is interspersed with thrills and sensations that could only be secured in the tropic land where the picture was made. For instance, there is Novarro's fight with the shark, filmed under water, a most breath-taking piece of business and his strange adventures in the trackless jungle. Other thrills, a countless number, created in a spirit of glamour and adventure, hold one spellbound. W. S. Van Dyke, who directed the story, used the same deft artistry that marked his "White Shadows in the South Seas," and he had a notable cast to work with.

Renee Adoree, in the role of Madge, a white adventuress, plays with a fiery intensity. Dorothy Janis, the little Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer "find," who plays the native girl, Novarro's sweetheart, has a difficult and at the same time appealing role. Donald Crisp makes a dominant figure of the white trader, nemesis and enemy of the haunting story.

Colour, pathos, thrills and romance are skillfully woven together in this charming tale of the Islands and such historic spots as the famous old church at Tahiti, the plantation on the island drive and various locales described in Russell's vivid book, form a remarkable background.

This is one of the best of the South Sea pictures yet made and should not be missed by anyone with a liking for the best in movie fare.

NAVAL HEROISM.

EPIC OF THE LOSS OF THE ST. GENNY.

London, Jan. 15.

Fuller details of the conditions in which the naval tug Saint Genny was sunk off Ushant on Sunday evening, with the loss of 23 lives, show that heroic efforts were made by the officers and crew of the sister tug, Saint Cyrus, in saving five of her men in conditions that seemed impossibly difficult.

A tremendous sea was running, and the Saint Cyrus' steam steering gear was smashed and her officer, Lieutenant Melville, had three bones broken in the hand. If the Saint Cyrus had gone broadside on to the huge waves, she too would have sunk, but temporary gear was fixed and the tug struggled on, making four knots an hour. In the darkness, a lamp distress signal was observed, and later calcium flares automatically set off by the contact of lifebelts with the water were seen. On struggling towards them, men were seen in the water, and by courageous and expert handling the Saint Cyrus came alongside and lifebuoys and lines were thrown.

The Saint Cyrus' crew at times worked in tremendous seas with water pouring round them, up to the armpits, but saved most of the men, even although the craft was herself in a perilous and waterlogged condition.—*British Wireless.*

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day.:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $1290 b.
Chartered Bank, £18 s.
Mercantile A. & B., £27½ n.
East Asia $95 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $707 b.
Union Ins., $377 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtsze Ins., $50 n.
China Underwriters, $2 n.
China Fires, $335 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $326 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, $25½ n.
H. K. Steamboats, $27½ n.
H. K. Tugs, $2. s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $70 n.
Union Waterboats $23½ b.

Mining.

Benguets, $4.70 b.
Kailans, 55/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubs, $11.60 b.
Tronohs, 21/- b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $144½ b.
Whampoa Docks, $31½ b.
China Providents $5.45 s.
Hongkews, Tls 190 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7.50 n.
Shanghai Docks. Tls. 106 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 15.75 sa.
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 83 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $12.40 b.
H. K. Lands, $65.30 sa.
S'hai Lands Tls. 161 n.
Humphreys, $14. b.
Realties, $8.90 s.
Chinese Estates $98 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $18.90 s.
Peak Trams, (old) $11.75 n.
Star Ferries, $70 b.
China Lights, (Old) $20. b.
H. K. Electrics, $71½ s.
Macao Electrics, $23 b.
Telephones $9.55 b.
China Buses, Tls. 15½. b.
Singapore Tractions. 10/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, $1 n.
Malabons, $27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 11 n.
Canton Ices, $2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) $14.65 b.
Ropes $7.80 s.
United Asbestos $5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, $21. s.
Watsons, $11.10 b.
Def. A. Wings, '80 s.
Lane Crawfords, $2. b.
Mackintoshs, $18 b.
Sinceres, $12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $28 b.
Constructions, $1.30 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61%
H. K. G. Loan 5% s. Prem.

BRITISH SHIPYARDS.

"TIMES" SEES PASSING OF RECENT DEPRESSION.

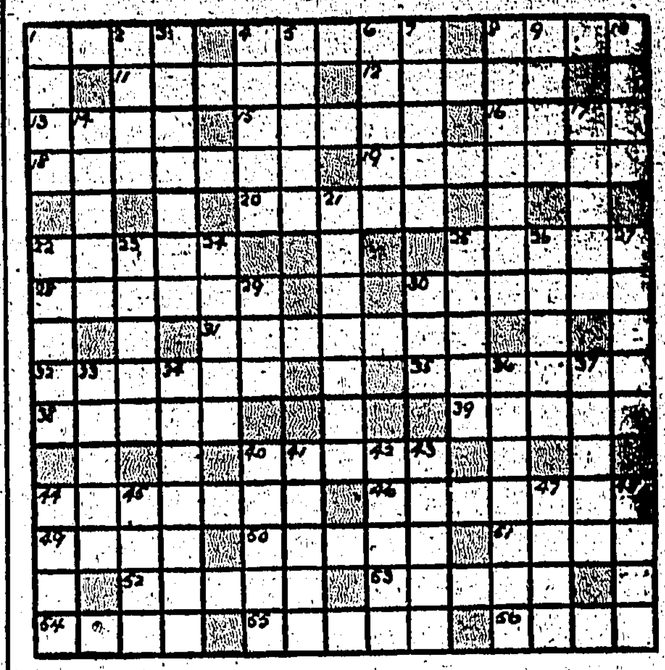
London, Jan. 15.

Approximate figures for the whole of last year show that the products of British shipyards amounted to about 1,525,000 tons, representing an increase in the year of about 82,000 tons.

This output, which is one of the best recorded for many years, exceeds that of all the other countries combined by 273,000 tons. About forty per cent. of the work now being done in British yards represents orders placed from abroad.

Commenting on the figures, the *Times* says, "The outlook for British shipbuilding, especially in view of the limitaton of naval work, is far from unclouded; but there are grounds for encouragement in the present returns, and builders have at any rate reasons for hoping that the worst period of depression is passed."—*British Wireless.*

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



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16 Land measure.
18 Salad vegetable.
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20 Transgressed.
22 Kind of sword.
25 Enacting punishment.
28 Patron.
30 Calm.
31 Wanted.
32 Dropped.
35 Guard.
38 Released.
39 Endures.
40 Abstinences.
44 Sought favour.
46 Puzzles.
49 Part of harness.
50 Coloured.
51 Deserve.
52 Delay.
53 Soils.
54 Garden pest.
55 Thick.
56 Boat.

Down

1 Ring.
2 Cry.
3 Distinctive mark.
4 Tranquility.
5 Change.
6 Kind of bird.
7 Rented.
8 Birds covering.
9 Cunning.
10 Layer.
14 Kingly.
17 Earth work.
21 Resigns.
22 Sneer.
23 Holy book.
24 Finished.
25 Foot instrument.
26 Wants.
27 Reclines.
29 Number.
30 Mend.
33 Discuss.
34 Clover.
36 Pilferers.
37 Air.
40 Entertained.
41 Worship.
42 Lock of hair.
43 Walk sideways.
44 Black bird.
45 Mount.
47 Leash.
48 Break.

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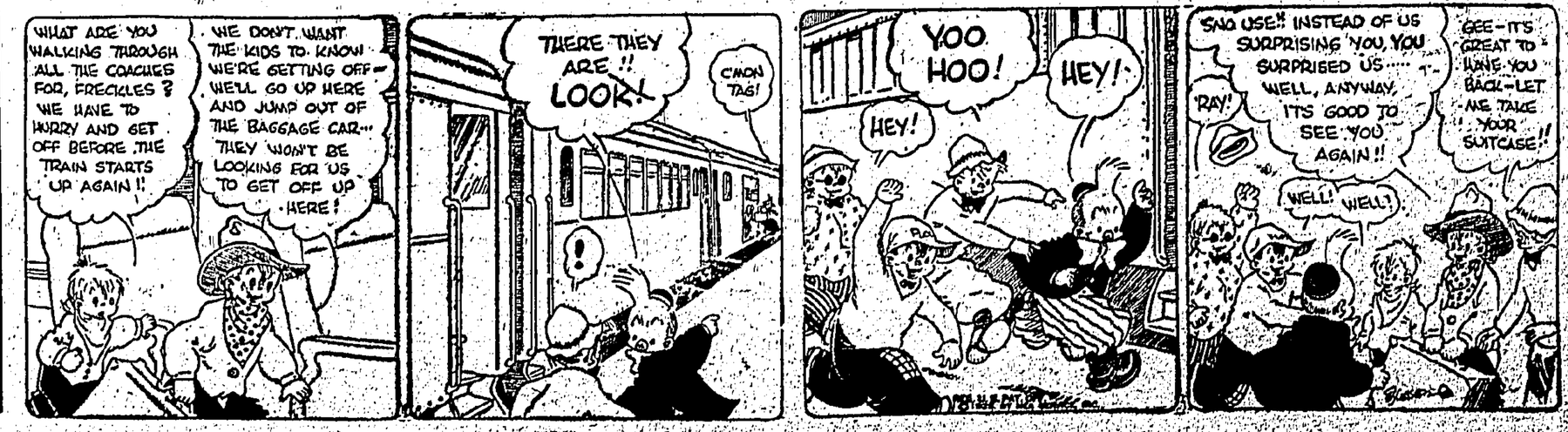

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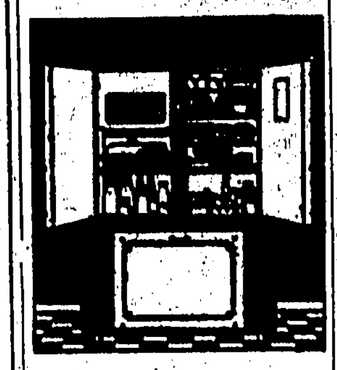

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THE LIBERAL SPLIT.

Any impression that may have been gained to the effect that the Liberals fought in the last General Election as a united Party is now dissipated by Earl Grey, who has revealed that the breach over the question of leadership remains unhealed. It appears that whilst the Liberal Council, of which Lord Grey is President, approved in principle of Mr. Lloyd George's "We Can Cure Unemployment" scheme, it dissociated itself from any responsibility for the pledge as to how much could be done in any particular year. The Council has apparently been taken to task for allowing the impression to prevail that the whole Party was united during the election under Mr. Lloyd George, but we can only presume that Lord Grey and his followers preferred to remain silent rather than to jeopardise the chances of the Party by emphasising that the breach remained. In other words, the Liberal Council was prepared to allow loyalty to the cause to outweigh any objections which may have been held against Mr. Lloyd George remaining the leader.

Be that as it may, the fact does remain that the Liberals are still not a happy family. Indeed, so much resentment is felt by Lord Grey and his supporters both at the continued leadership of Mr. Lloyd George and the dependence of the Party on his Personal Fund that there is a threat of the Liberal Council fighting the next election, whenever it comes, under its own leadership, its own organisation and its own funds. The question naturally arises how the Party is to free itself from reliance on the Lloyd George Personal Fund. There can be little doubt that even in Liberal ranks there has been a good deal of heart-burning over the dominating position which Mr. Lloyd George holds, and that many would welcome the creation of a Fund over which he had no control. Not that there is the least suggestion that the Personal Fund is being or has been used in any improper manner, but that, with the position as it is, the Leader is practically the Party. Some attempt was made a couple of years ago by a section of the Conservative Press to suggest that Mr. Lloyd George had amassed this Personal Fund by somewhat unorthodox means, but the *Daily Mail*, in championing the cause of the Liberal leader, contended that the Fund was raised in precisely the same manner as that of the Conservative Party; the possible sale of honours was not refuted. But the Fund dispute represents one issue, and the leadership of Mr. Lloyd George another. Many Liberals of the old school have never forgiven the present leader for his uncompromising attitude towards the late Earl of Oxford; by them it was, and still is, regarded as being tantamount to biting the hand that fed him, for it was mainly through the good offices of Mr. Asquith, as he then was, that Mr. Lloyd George was brought to the forefront. So far from realising what he owed to the veteran politician, Mr. Lloyd George led the group which deposed him. If we add to that fact the widespread feeling in the same circles that the present leader is too theatrical and too much of an opportunist to be a really good head of the Party, it need cause no surprise that the breach remains.

What of the future of the Liberal Party? There are many good constitutionalists who would like to think that there still remains a place in British politics for a Party which has fine traditions and which has won so many victories under the watchwords: Peace, Retrenchment and Reform. To the observer of political tendencies, however, it would seem as if the Labour Party, by moderating its tenets, has in large measure stolen the Liberal thunder. Indeed, the old Liberal watchwords might well to-day be taken as representative of the Labour outlook, both from the domestic and international viewpoint. We can, therefore, foresee more and more Liberals coming under the Labour banner as time goes on. As to the near future, this much is certain: that if the Liberals fight the next election as two distinct groups, paying allegiance to different leaders, they are likely to lose ground rather than to strengthen their position.

Nanking And Mukden.

The Nanking Government is moving remarkably late in the day in taking exception to features of the Sino-Soviet agreement. Already some of the most important undertakings have been carried out, while, if we remember correctly, the official conference, at which all outstanding questions between China and Russia are to be discussed, has been arranged for Monday next in Moscow. The considerations inducing the Nanking leaders to take the serious risk of upsetting arrangements now are rather difficult to fathom, the more so since the attitude taken up is so completely inconsistent. Less than two months ago, Dr. C. T. Wang was disclaiming all responsibility for the surrender to Soviet pressure. He then took the line that the Chinese Eastern Railway dispute was purely a local affair, capable of being dealt with by the local authorities and having no interest for the Foreign Office other than the filing of information received from time to time regarding what had been and was being done. For all practical purposes, Mukden proceeded on that basis and concluded an agreement which if not entirely satisfactory was the best obtainable in the circumstances. Nanking now protests that the agreement cannot be valid without the formal approval of the Central Government, that Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng had no authority to sign as a plenipotentiary, and that formal approval will be withheld until certain amendments are made in the wording of the agreement. Apart from the fact that Nanking sent Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng from Shanghai to Manchuria in the original instance, there is plenty of evidence that Nanking has been fully aware of all developments. The sudden protest at this time appears to be a deliberate challenge, whether to Mukden or Moscow it is hard to say, though we hope that it will not have the effect of re-opening the dispute between China and the Soviet. An unpleasant situation is out of the way and Nanking would be well advised to let sleeping dogs lie.

DAY BY DAY.

PEACE OF MIND IS INCOMPARABLY THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL POSSESSIONS.

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The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

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H.M.S. Magnolia sailed from Hongkong for Holhow yesterday afternoon.

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Useful little celluloid calendars are being distributed by the local office of the Canadian National Railways.

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Three Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of cruelty to chickens by carrying them suspended by their wings and legs were each fined $5.

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The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Kynoch, of the Kowloon Waterworks, will regret to hear that they are both indisposed at their home, suffering from influenza.

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Advertising Three Castle cigarettes, the British American Tobacco Company has just issued a fine wall calendar illustrative of several old-time Chinese characters of fame.

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Mrs. W. T. Southorn has kindly consented to give away the prizes to the students of the Bolilios Public School at the annual distribution to be held in the Hall at Queen's College next Monday morning.

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Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of $60 which was taken from the pocket of his master's jacket hanging on the wall, a foki of a milk vendor of Chuk Yuen village, Kowloon City, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

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The following appointments have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Hongkong Civil Service: Mr. A. Jackson, Ph.D., Assistant Government Analyst; Mr. J. Skinner, European Radiographer, Medical Department; Miss N. Chandler, Nursing Sister.

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On a charge of trespassing on the Government Plantation at Customs Pass two Chinese, who were found carrying dried pine trees, were each fined $25 by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. His Worship pointed out that he had to take a serious view of such cases because of the damage done to the Colony's forestry areas.

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Whilst the seamen of H.M.S. Cornwall were painting the ship's side yesterday afternoon, a wire jackstay supporting eight painting stages gave way, and threw twelve men into the sea. All of them could swim with exception of one, who managed, however, to hold on to a rope. No-one suffered anything worse than a ducking.

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Recommendations for free licences, the fee for which will be taken from the Poor Box, were made by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a woman 82 years of age and a widow with a large family, appeared on charges of hawking. In both cases it was stated that the defendants were deserving of free licences.

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A Reuter's telegram from San Francisco states that Captain A.J.L. Whyte, well-known locally as A.D.C. and Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor, and Miss Frances Vandyke Tyler, heiress, of Santa Rosa, have applied for a marriage licence. Miss Tyler will be remembered as chief bridesmaid at the wedding, in February last, of Miss Elizabeth Dunbar and Mr. M.D. Gurney Hoare.

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A Chinese, fined $5 by Mr. Grantham this morning on a charge of distributing indecent pamphlets in a tea-house, in connexion with the sale of a certain kind of medical powder, pleaded that he could not raise that amount. He said he had only 90 cents on him, but hoped to raise a further dollar by pawning the clothes he was wearing, if his Worship would reduce the penalty to meet his means. The appeal was unavailing, the fine being confirmed.

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With a view to breaking up the rendezvous of bad characters, a raid was made by Revenue Officers at 168, Tai Nam Street and an occupant arrested on a charge of keeping an opium divan and of being in possession of seven mace of prepared opium. It was intimated the bad characters congregated on the premises. On the first charge, a fine of $100 or two months' hard labour was imposed, with a further $50 or one month's hard labour on the second count.

NOTES ON THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AN INTERESTING LOCAL BOOKLET.

We have received a copy of an interesting booklet entitled "Notes on the New Territories of Hongkong," by Messrs. F. J. de Rome, N. Evans and E. C. Thomas. The notes were originally written for use in local schools, but the authors hope that the booklet will have a wider circulation than this.

It is in four sections. The first deals with the usual geographical features (area, hills, rivers, ferries, industries and productions, etc.), with notes on the history and administration. A considerable amount of space has been devoted to transport and to the occupations of the inhabitants.

The second section should appeal more to the general reader and to visitors. It describes typical tramps of four hours and longer in the New Territories, including the ascent of Tai Mo Shan. This part of the booklet could, with advantage, be enlarged and it is to be hoped that if a second edition is eventually needed, more walks will be included.

There are scores of lovely walks amongst romantic scenery and if the average resident of Hongkong only knew more about them there is no doubt that walking would be more popular than it is. The third section gives a glossary of English meanings of many Chinese place-names in the New Territories. We venture to say that many of these are extremely instructive.

The fourth section comprises questions and exercises for school use. Altogether the booklet is a valuable addition to the existing guide books on Hongkong and should command a ready sale. There are two interesting maps in the book. The price is only 50 cents and it may be obtained from Messrs. Brewer and Company, the Commercial Press, Ye Olde Printerie, the *S. C. M. Post* Office and the Ellis Kadoorie School.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Local Broadcasting.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—While appreciating the efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to provide us with better programmes, I think the Committee might give its consideration to other uses of broadcasting besides music and occasional talks.

I refer to education which has been so successfully taken up through broadcasting in America and Europe.

Our Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, suggested some time ago about forming a Concord Club, and I think we can at least be nearer to that idea by teaching conversational Chinese to Europeans and English to the Chinese. Half an hour each day on alternate days for each language will be quite sufficient.

During the early days of broadcasting in England, French was being taught through the ether, and I see no reason why we cannot use the same method in Hongkong.

If the Committee is interested in the suggestion, I shall be glad to give fuller informaton as to how the teaching of languages was conducted in Europe through the ether.—Yours, etc.,

RADIOIST.

Hongkong, Jan. 16th, 1930.

BANISHEE ASSAULTS RIVAL.

THROWS BRICK DURING A QUARREL.

After being allowed bail on charge of assault, a Chinese who was arrested at Kowloon City was subsequently found to have returned from banishment, and, on his appearance before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday, the police asked for a remand in custody. The man was again brought before Mr. Whyte Smith this morning when he was also charged with returning from banishment, having been deported in 1927 for a period of five years.

The defendant admitted both charges.

Inspector Phillips said the defendant and the complainant in the original charge were working for rival contractors and had a quarrel over some cement, the defendant throwing a brick at the complainant and causing an injury to the latter's head. The defendant was released on bail, but it was later found that he was a returned banishee.

His Worship remarked that the defendant had been banished for opium offences.

On the banishment charge, sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed, while a further month's imprisonment was passed on the charge of assault.

The Very Idea!

"Nurses," said the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, when presenting prizes to nurses at a Belfast hospital, "should not be too kind-hearted and cheerful. A smiling nurse, exuberant with health, is apt to give a rise of temperature to a patient who is not so well."

The question of a nurse's cheerfulness is a difficult one, no doubt; but one would rather see a smile on the face of a ministering angel than a look of gloom or even a wooden impasiveness. Still, it must be the right sort of smile—sympathetic and hope-inspiring, the sort of smile which seems to say that things will be all right presently.

We cannot always have the ideal nurse, who is born and not made. Her chief characteristic is restfulness; an absence of fuss; a power to bring an atmosphere at once of peace and confidence into the sick-room. She should not be exuberant; but the right kind of smile at the right time goes, to my thinking, a long way.

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Visiting Uncle: And what are you going to be when you grow up, John?

Nephew: The same as you, Uncle George—an insulting engineer.

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(A doctor recommends newspaper reading for bodily and mental health.)

Are you bored and inattentive,
lacking vigour and incentive?
Do you wake up in the morning in a listless frame of mind?
Can you point to minor ailments
that mean harassing curtailments
Of the innocent indulgences to which you feel inclined?
Don't despair at your condition,
or suppose that a physician
Can prescribe a "Mixture as Before" to make you less morose,
But join up with all the readers
of the gossip, news and leaders,
And inspire your fellow-sufferers to take the "Daily" dose.

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Visitor: Don't you spank your son when he's naughty?

Mother: We would like to; but he's the only one who can mend the wireless if it goes wrong.

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Solicitor at Lambeth County Court: The debtor owes money to his father and has to pay him 5 per cent. interest. The father is a Scot.

Prisoner at the Thames Court: If you send me to prison for a few days it won't do me much harm.

Witness at Marylebone County Court: He is a superstitious man and will never take his baby into the house with the perambulator tail first.

Wife at Kingston-on-Thames: I did not leave my husband. They stopped up the chimney and I was smoked out.

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"What, are you going away—at this time of the year?"

"No. The church are holding a jumble sale and I am taking my clothes to the office until it is over."

WHO WAS..... TAM O'SHANTER?

In the words of his wife, Tam o'Shanter was "A blether-in', drucken blellum," which means approximately, a bragging, bad-tempered, drunken good-for-nothing. Maybe the good lady was a little harsh in her description of her husband, but Tam undoubtedly drank too deeply and too often, and on such occasions was wont to say, do, see and hear things of incredible strangeness.

One dark night, for instance, Tam was on his way home from Ayr and was surprised to see lights in the kirk of Alloway. He peeped in, and gazed with astonished eyes on a riotous revel of witches and devils. In his excitement, Tam cried out to one of the witches who was dancing with even wilder abandon than the rest, "Weel done, Cutty-Sark!" (Well done, short skirts).

Immediately the lights went out, and all the friends rushed in the direction of the intruder, who whipped up his horse, and made off at full speed towards the bridge over the River Doon. Once across this bridge he would be safe, for neither witch nor devil may pass over running water. Just as his mare's hoofs were past the middle of the bridge the "Cutty-Sark" caught hold of its tail, which still remained in the danger zone, pulling it right off.

Such is the tale which Tam recounted into the incredulous ears of his wife, in Robert Burn's poem which bears his name.

DESERTED GIRL'S PLIGHT.

RESORTED TO THEFT TO GET PASSAGE MONEY.

ROBBED STALLKEEPER.

A 16-year-old bobbed-hair Chinese girl was charged before Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy, to-day, with stealing a five-dollar note from a stallkeeper at Hillier Street, yesterday.

Sub-Inspector McWalter, prosecuting, stated that the girl was making a small purchase, and by the time the stallkeeper had attended to her order, she had reached out for a tin in which the takings were kept and stolen a five-dollar note. She was seen and seized by another fokl of the stall, being subsequently turned over to a district watchman.

From investigations, the police have been able to ascertain that the girl arrived here two or three months ago from Canton, being brought down by a man who later deserted her. She had been told by the people with whom she was staying to go away, as they were moving out, and, in her plight, had resorted to stealing, with the idea, she had said, of raising money for a passage back to Canton.

Questioned by the Magistrate, the girl reaffirmed her previous statement to the police. She said she would have no objection to returning to Canton right away.

Sub-Inspector McWalter, who had said that there was a boat leaving for Canton to-night with a number of deported mendicants, was then instructed by the Magistrate to hold the girl in custody until her departure by the same steamer.

BRITAIN'S POLICY DEFINED.

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of tonnage within the cruiser categories and of agreeing upon what should be the equilibrium as between nation and nation in the number of cruisers. If, without sacrificing security, an agreement can be reached on these lines, stopping competition, then the power and force of political agreement to prevent War is automatically strengthened and the prospect of more complete disarmament when the time comes to review the agreements is improved.

In setting out on the tasks of the conference, the British Government therefore bases itself on the assumption that, for a considerable period, peace is secure, and that the mere fact that a naval agreement is reached will increase the feeling of security.

Even if the result of the conference does not fulfil all the hopes of those responsible for convening it, the British Government are determined to do everything within their power to show the world that it is prepared to proceed step by step to a satisfactory solution of the disarmament problem.

But everything is dependent on an international agreement. Britain will take no step towards disarmament merely as a gesture. All that can reasonably be done in that way has been done. Britain can only move on the condition that other nations move correspondingly. Any agreement which comes out of the conference must really represent international policy.

An International agreement to extend the life and reduce the size and gunpower of replacement battleships would be a great step forward.

An agreement regarding cruisers as to the number, size and distribution would also represent a most valuable advance.

The Most Helpful Basis.

As to submarines the Government favours their complete abolition, but failing that, they aim at reducing their size and number to a minimum.

Here again, however, the question arises of achieving a satisfactory equilibrium between nation and nation and the discussion of this point at the conference will be highly important.

It is fully recognised that the points of view of the individual nations, if unduly stressed, might destroy the chance of valuable results. So far as the British Government is concerned, they will go into the conference prepared to favour proposals which will represent not merely their own point of view but which will represent the most helpful basis for reaching a general agreement.

Navy League Meeting.

Viscount Bridgeman, who was First Lord of the Admiralty in the late Conservative Government, addressing a special public meeting of the Navy League to-day, spoke on the subject of the naval conference, saying that the cruiser problem was the difficulty in 1927 and it was the most serious difficulty now.

Our building policy had been one of slow replacement and within the next ten years 35 of our existing cruisers would be obsolete. This made the suspension of the two cruisers which were already begun, without any equivalent sacrifice by other countries, very disquieting.

He referred to the statement of Mr. A. V. Alexander, the present First Lord of the Admiralty, that we were willing to reduce our cruiser strength to 50 ships.

Not Good Enough.

He said Mr. Alexander's reason for this was most unconvincing. It was that the Kellogg Pact had made all the difference between the seventy cruisers we wanted in 1927 and the fifty we wanted now.

If the Kellogg Pact was the only reason, why should it have such obviously different effects upon different countries.

Apparently it caused other countries to increase their cruisers and Great Britain was the only one which was led to reduce.

"We cannot go on giving something for nothing," Lord Bridgeman added. He believed an agreement could be reached in a spirit of give and take, but other people must give as well as ourselves.—*British Wireless.*

The Air Arm.

London, Jan. 15.

Lord Thomson, Secretary of State for Air referring last night to the coming Naval Conference, said that the efforts of British Ministers were to be directed to a really sincere and thorough endeavour to eliminate war as an instrument of national policy.

It had been stated that in his present position, as Air Minister, he was liable to think that any saving in regard to warships should be devoted to expenditure on yet more terrible weapons of destruction. That had never been his angle. He believed that by substitution of the aeroplane for the more archaic weapons of defence, economies could be effected.

But, knowing the terrible power of that weapon, and how it could be directed against large and helpless populations, he prayed God they would never have to call upon the service over which he presided.—*British Wireless.*

MONEY LOAN CASE IN COURT.

CLAIM AGAINST P.W.D. LORRY DRIVER FAILS.

NOTHING RECEIVED.

A claim for money lent by Hakam Singh, No. 88, Village Road, Wongneichong, against Cheng Hung, lorry driver of the P.W.D., failed in the Summary Court this morning when Mr. Justice Wood gave judgment for defendant. Plaintiff claimed $60 principal and $2.40 interest for two months under a promissory note.

Both parties conducted their own cases.

According to plaintiff's story, the transaction took place at his house on October 22, 1929, when he advanced $30 to defendant who signed the note in the presence of Tahil Singh, who wrote the note.

Chanan Singh, giving evidence on behalf of plaintiff, stated that he visited plaintiff's house to borrow money but was requested by plaintiff to wait until he had lent some money to defendant. Witness said he did not actually see money pass because he waited outside. He was told by plaintiff that defendant was there to borrow money.

Defendant denied he had ever received money from plaintiff but admitted he signed the note. He said that he borrowed money from Teja Singh, a waterworks' watchman, the note being signed in that man's quarters at Wanchai in June or July. He signed a blank piece of paper and there was no-one else present excepting himself and Teja Singh. Defendant continued that he received $26 and signed $60, the reason for the extra $10 above the usual double sum being that his brother owed Teja Singh that amount and it was incorporated in defendant's note. Defendant added that Teja Singh had a lot of promissory notes for money lent to P.W.D. employees.

Cheng Tong, the defendant's brother, affirmed that between January and February, 1929, he borrowed $5 from Teja Singh and signed a note for $10 on which interest was owing for seven or eight months.

Plaintiff said that witness was saying merely what he had been told to say by defendant.

His Lordship remarked that the note bore plaintiff's address, but it was clear the handwriting was different from that in the body of the note. Judgment would be given for defendant.

LAD ROBS HIS OWN FATHER.

LEAVES HOME AND JOINS BAD CHARACTERS.

PAWNED A JACKET.

A fifteen-year-old Chinese appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of the theft of a jacket belonging to his father. The defendant, who had pawned the article, stated that he had his mother's permission, but his parent denied that she authorised the defendant to pawn the jacket.

According to Detective Sergeant Kellett, a raid was carried out at 411, Shanghai Street where a pawn ticket relating to the trousers was found. The defendant had been living with some bad characters on the premises for two nights, having run away from home, while he had formerly paid occasional visits to the premises. He was apparently a new member of a gang of bad characters.

His Worship remarked that he did not know what to do with the defendant, whether to order him to be caned in Court or to let his parents chastise him. If he got a caning in Court, he would not probably go back home in the proper spirit.

His Worship, after pointing out the seriousness of stealing from one's own parents, registered a caution.

Arising out of the same raid, a man and another boy were charged with unlawfully pawning a blanket belonging to some unknown person. The man was additionally charged with being in unlawful possession of the blanket. Evidence of the finding of a pawn ticket on the premises was given by Detective Sergeant Kellett, while a pawnbroker identified the second defendant as the person who had pawned the blanket.

On conviction the man was sentenced to three months' hard labour, it being alleged by the police that he was operating a gang of small boy thieves. The second defendant was given twelve strokes of the cane.

S AFRICAN TROUBLE.

AGITATION AMONG THE NATIVES SPREADING.

Johannesburg, Jan. 15.

The native unrest, as indicated in the rioting on January 13 at Carnarvon, is causing considerable uneasiness all over the country.

The trouble has now shifted to East London, where native railway labourers have demanded an increase of wages, or the appointment of a commission to enquire into their grievances. Failing this, they threaten to strike.

Another disquieting factor, possibly connected with the natives, is a series of recent attempts at sabotage on the railways. The latest occurred last night, when an engine of the Durban-Johannesburg train was derailed between Drummond and Inchanga.

A reassuring fact is that hitherto there is no sign of the unrest spreading to the native territories.—*Reuter.*

SPEED LIMIT FOR LONDON.

CONFERENCE THINKS IT IS ESSENTIAL.

CORONERS' OPINION.

London, Jan. 15.

The Conference on London Street Accidents decided by 72 votes to 40 in favour of retaining the speed limit of motor vehicles in both Inner and Outer London.

The proposal to retain the limit was made by Mr. Ingleby Oddie Owe, one of London's Coroners, whose duty it is to hold inquests in cases of fatal accidents. He said the Coroners viewed any prospect of abolishing the limit with dismay.

Mr. Ponsonby, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, said the speed limit was not put in the new Road Traffic Bill because it was thought advisable to get a different psychological attitude on the part of the motorist, who should not be allowed to feel that he was driving safely simply because his speedometer told him he was within the speed limit, but should give more careful attention to the traffic on the road.

The Conference's recommendation may, however, result in a speed limit being now included in the Bill, seeing that the Conference was specially convened by the Minister of Transport.—*British Wireless.*

KOREAN UNREST.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF STUDENTS.

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Further student troubles, apparently due to political wirepullers, are reported in press despatches from Korea.

About a thousand students have been arrested at Seoul, including two hundred and fifty girls.

Though reports regarding the motive are conflicting, it seems the students of thirteen Korean schools, including two missionary institutions, for the purpose of showing sympathy for the students arrested in other parts of Korea last year, suddenly struck work during a public examination, and shouting "Mansei!" they rushed out of the examination halls.

The situation is reported to be well in hand, but the authorities are quoted as expressing a belief that Communist agitators are in the background.—*Reuter.*

except with her own express consent. The Governor was of opinion that Burmans were unanimously in favour of ultimate separation. He hoped it would be a friendly parting, and would not leave bitterness behind.—*Reuter.*

Arriving here from Shanghai last evening, Capt. Hall, of the s.s. Royal Prince, reported to the Harbour Office that three stowaways were discovered on board the vessel shortly after she left that port The vessel sailed for Manila at 10 a.m. to-day.

"Let's see, that still leaves Aunt Maud. Which one's didn't she give us?"

CANTON GOVERNOR COMING.

TO BID FAREWELL TO SIR CECIL CLEMENTI.

SEVERAL IN PARTY.

In order to bid farewell to H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung, is to pay a visit to the Colony on the 23rd instant, accompanied by Madame Chan.

It is not definitely known as yet whether the visit will be informal or official in character. If the former, General Chan and party will arrive by train, tiffin at the Peninsula Hotel, and later call on H.E. the Governor.

Should the visit be official, there will be the customary salutes fired and a Guard of Honour provided on the landing of the General.

Accompanying General Chan will be the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Lam Wan-koi, who has now taken over foreign affairs under the new system instituted on January 1st; Mr. C. Y. Yeung, adviser to the Mayor on foreign affairs, and Mrs. Leung; General Au Yeung, Chief of Police, and Mrs. Au Yeung; Captain Lieu Yung-kao and Captain Y. W. Liu, Naval Staff Officers; and Engineer Commander Fung.

RELAY ATTEMPT.

OTHER STATIONS TO HEARD.

Experimental relay transmissions of distant stations are to be made nightly by ZBW, excepting on Sundays and Mondays, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The transmission is dependent upon favourable conditions and when conditions are unfavourable, records will be played.

The attempt to relay other stations forms another new departure in Hongkong broadcasting. It has been adopted in many other parts of the world and now there are often relays by the B. B. C. of stations in America and other places. Relaying presents a number of problems as, although a station may be received, it does not follow that the reception is sufficiently good to allow of rebroadcasting. If it can be done successfully in Hongkong it will add further variety to the existing programmes.

To-day's Programme.

The following programme will be broadcast by ZBW, to-day on a wavelength of 355 metres.—

5.00-6.00 p.m. Programme of H. M. V. and Victor records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

"Faust,"—Bullect Music, (Gounod), Royal Opera Orch., Covent Garden.

"Minuet," (Paderewski, Op. 14 No. 1),

"Nocturne in E Flat Major," (Chopin, Op. 9, No. 2) Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Mignon,"—Overture, (Thomas), State Opera Orchestra, Berlin.

"Mister Cinders,"—Selection, (Ellis and R. Myers), New Mayfair Orchestra.

"Merry Merry,"—Vocal Gems, (Archer), Light Opera Company.

"Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," (Suppe), Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Prophecies," (Harry Taylor),

"I'm blase," Norman Long.

"The "Emperor" Quartet, Op. 76 No. 3," (Haydn),

"Londonderry Air," (Arr. Bridge), Virtuoso String Quartet.

"The lute player," (Allitsen),

"The Floral Dance," (Moss), Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone.

"Zampa—Overture," (Herold), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Bois Epais," (Arr. by A. L. G. B. Lully),

"Premiere Caresse," (Constantino De Crescenzo), Enrico Caruso.

"The Lay of the Lady's Vote," (Dyrenforth and Carroll Gibbons),

"Before I go to sleep," Anona Winn with Harold French, George Baker and Leonard Henry.

"L'Arlesienne—Excerpts," (Bizet), Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

7.00-9.00 p.m. Experimental Relay transmission.

9.00 p.m. Chinese programme.

10.30 p.m. *Close down.*

HOCKEY FIXTURES.

UNIVERSITY DEFEATED BY RECREIO.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" team versus the K.O.S.B. at King's Park, to-morrow, at 4.45 p.m.:—C. E. Moore, L. A. R. Duncan, R. W. Sapsed, A. A. R. Botelho, E. G. S. Dale, N. W. Lasonder, S. J. H. Fox, Maj. Kerrich, H. V. Parker, H. Owen-Davies, E. C. Fincher.

In a fast hockey game at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Club de Recreio trounced the University to the tune of six goals to one. Play was even in the first half, but the undergraduates fell off somewhat in the second, with the result that Recreio netted five times without reply.

The home team drew first blood through Lopes, and Aziz replied for the University, the score at the interval being one all.

The University defence showed signs of weakening on the resumption and Recreio scored through Noronha (three), Alves and Lopes.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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THE WORLD of SPORT

RIFLE SHOOTING.

RESUSCITATION OF THE LOCAL LEAGUE.

It was decided, at a general meeting of local rifle enthusiasts at Volunteer Headquarters last evening, to resuscitate the Hongkong Rifle League, which has been in abeyance owing to lack of support.

Mr. B. Wylie presided at the meeting, which was attended by a large number of people interested in the movement, representing various organisations which are likely to participate in the League to be run in conjunction with the other activities of the Hongkong Rifle League, during the coming year.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Wylie explained why he was in the chair, saying that in view of the widespread disappointment felt that Hongkong did not compete in the Interport Rifle Shoot last year, Mr. C. H. Summers, the Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle League, in the absence of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the late Chairman of the Association, together with many others, approached him with a view to calling a public meeting for the purpose of reviving interest in this sport. That he was quite willing to do, but first of all, suggested, before calling a public meeting, that it would perhaps be wise to circulate those definitely known to have been previously connected with the Rifle League, in order that their views might be sought, regarding the question of resuscitation. Accordingly, a meeting was held on December 19, 1929, at which were present Mr. T. Swan, Mr. D. Walmsley and Mr. C. H. Summers, (Taikoo Rifle Club); Mr. F. Young and Mr. F. Lakey, (Naval Dockyard Rifle Club); Sergeant A. W. Ritchie, (Hongkong Police); Mr. F. C. Goodman, (Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps); and himself, who was asked to preside. It was unanimously decided by those gentlemen that an effort should be made to revive the League, and that a public meeting should be called for that purpose.

At the meeting held in December, Mr. Summers produced the books and all documents belonging to the Association, and made an explanatory statement concerning the affairs of the old League. He also produced a Balance Sheet, dated April, 1928, showing Cash in hand, amounting to $41.08. The sum of $24 was also due to the League from one of the competing teams in a rifle meeting held in March, 1928, making a total credit of $65.08. Against that, was an outstanding account of £12—12s., in respect of miniature shields supplied from Home. Mr. Wylie added that all present at that meeting were satisfied with the explanations given by Mr. Summers and decided to call a public meeting formally to revive the Association. They were now gathered for that purpose, and he had much pleasure in moving that the Hongkong Rifle League be revived and that the Balance Sheet, dated April 1928, which was certified as being correct by three former members of the body, be adopted.

Officials Elected.

The motion was seconded by Mr. D. Walmsley and unanimously carried.

The next business before the meeting was the election of a President. The chairman said that at the meeting in December, several names were mentioned in that connexion, but he was asked to approach Mr. R. M. Dyer, with a request that he allow his name to go forward as the next President of the Association. Mr. Dyer was good enough to agree to that request. He had much pleasure, therefore, in nominating Mr. Dyer for the office.

There being no other nomination, Mr. Dyer was elected President of the Hongkong Rifle League for the coming season. The chairman said he thought that, in electing Mr. Dyer, the Association had taken a wise step, for Mr. Dyer had perhaps done more in the past than any other civilian in the Colony, to foster and promote rifle shooting.

After several nominations had been declined Mr. F. Young was elected hon. secretary while Mr. F. Lakey was elected hon. treasurer.

The chairman said that at the meeting held in December, it was appreciated that unless there was some form of organisation, as well as the office-bearers of the Association, that the League could not hope to operate efficiently. It was, therefore, suggested that several members form an Executive Committee to help these office-bearers.

For that purpose the following Executive Committee was elected—Messrs. F. C. Goodman, T. Swan, A. W. Ritchie, C. H. Summers and E. R. Dovey.

It was decided that the entrance fee to the League be raised from the former figure of $20 to $30.

Year's Programme.

The chairman said that the next business would be the programme for the coming year, and intimated that nothing had been cut and dried but he would like the meeting to discuss the arrangements as fully as possible.

One member raised the question of the difficulty of securing ranges, but it was pointed out by other members that there were several ranges which would be placed at the disposal of the League for match and practice purposes. It was stated that all facilities would be provided for the use of the range on Stonecutters' Island.

Mr. Walmsley suggested that the League should be started as soon as possible, and pointed out that it was because of the hot weather that several teams in the past had failed to complete their fixtures.

A military member of the meeting intimated that he had only recently arrived from Shanghai, and said that they were very disappointed in the North that Hongkong had not participated in the Interport shoot as "we had a team ready for you."

Mr. C. E. Terry enquired whether the organisation was an Association open to individual membership or whether it was a League, the question being prompted from a revenue point of view.

Mr. C. H. Summers mentioned that the League was not open to individual memberships but only to teams of eight on payment of the entrance fee. He said that he had formerly tried to change the organisation into an Association, but the former chairman had pointed out that it could not be done unless they had a private range to offer members in return for their subscription.

Mr. Summers appreciated the difficulty of giving everybody a chance of practising for Interports, but he pointed out that notices were inserted in the Press as well as sent to clubs and associations, and unless they had a range they could not call a meeting to form themselves into a Club or Association.

Later Mr. Summers mentioned the difficulty of securing servicemen for Interport shoots. He said that in practices they used open sights, and they could not be expected to be included against men using aperture sights.

A Naval representative pointed out that servicemen had to use open sights because of the expense of aperture sights, but mentioned that if a person was a keen rifleman he should secure an aperture sight even though it cost about £2.

It was intimated that there would be at least seven entries for the League when started.

Before the meeting closed, the chairman thanked the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps for so kindly lending the room for the meeting and those present for their attendance.

The chairman was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the great amount of work he had done, on the call of Mr. F. Goodman, who expressed the hope that the work would not fall on barren ground. Mr. Goodman also said he hoped that Mr. Wylie would attend their meetings, even if he did not have anything to say. "We might term him the new father of the Hongkong Rifle League," added Mr. Goodman, amid applause.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S FIXTURES IN SECOND DIVISION.

Only one of the games scheduled to be played in yesterday's second division of the Hongkong football league was contested. It resulted in a goalless draw.

R.A.M.C. v University.

After waiting ten minutes, the match between the above teams was started, the University still being without their goal-keeper, who arrived after the game had been in progress about eight minutes.

The standard of football was very poor, and no goals were scored throughout the game.

Navy v R.A.

This game was scheduled for the Navy ground at Happy Valley, but the R.A. were unable to field a team, and the match was not played.

LOCAL CRICKET.

THE H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. at cricket on Saturday next:

First eleven against University (away), friendly.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, E. R. Duckitt, H. V. Parker, A. C. I. Bowker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, J. R. Collis, J. R. Hinton, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. H. D. Wade.

Second eleven against R. E. and S. (home), league.—W. W. McKenzie, H. J. Armstrong, G. E. R. Divett, J. H. Ashworth, R. H. Dowler, R. K. Hepburn, W. Harris Walker, R. M. Wood, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, G. D. Mead.

THE FANLING HUNT.

POINT-TO-POINT AT POTTS' BUNGALOW.

The Fanling Hunt and Race Club have arranged a Point-to-Point at Potts' Bungalow on Saturday next at 3.45 p.m. Hounds will meet at Potts' Bungalow on Sunday at 3 p.m. instead of Saturday.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The last match of the first round of the triangular tournament will be played on Saturday, 18th inst., at 4.15 p.m. when the Club meet the Army. Teams will be announced in Saturday morning's papers.

GARRISON NEWS.

ARMY TEAM FOR SIM SHIELD MATCH.

The following hockey team will represent the Army versus the Royal Navy on Tuesday next, January 21, in the first round of the Sim Shield, bully-off 4.30 p.m., on the U.S.R.C. ground, when Sjt. Ormerod will referee:

Lieut. Barrett, H.K. and S. Bde. R.A.; Pte. Martin, 1/S.L.I., Capt. Huxford, R.A.; Capt. Strachey, 1/S.L.I., Major Philby, 1/S.L.I., Staff/Sjt. O'Flaherty, R.A.M.C.; Pte. Denmead, 1/S.L.I., Sjt. Kingsland, H.K. and S. Bde., R.A., Sjt. Skipp, I.A.S.C., Capt. Wernicke, 3rd 15th Punjab Regt., L/Cpl. Hill, 2/K.O.S.B.

A very fast and interesting game of hockey was played yesterday at Happy Valley between teams representing the Forecastlemen and Quarterdeckmen of H.M.S. Kent; the Forecastlemen penetrating the Quarterdeck goal five times to their opponents' two goals.

Football.

H.M.S. Petersfield beat H.M.S. Herald by one goal to nil yesterday in a second division China Fleet football league match, played at Happy Valley. Teams:

Petersfield.—Smith; Genge, Cook; Higgins, Padden, Lowe; Pearce, Wells, Mayne, Carroll, Walker.

Herald.—Lewis; Brennan, Hodson; Merwood, Samways, Hannaford; Hiley, Townrow, French, Pollard, Wren.

Thracian v Tamar.

The above match, played at Happy Valley yesterday, resulted in a draw of one goal aside. Teams:

Thracian.—Pearson; Hayes, Sloan; Clarke, Baker, North; Brady, Burle, Ward, Skeels, Stratford.

Tamar.—Price; Brown, Robinson; Burnett, Sheridan, Woods; Butler, Hampson, Lake, Brown, Bonning.

Cricket.

A friendly cricket match between the R.A.M.C. and R.A.S.C. was played on Tuesday at Sookunpoo, and an exciting match was won by the R.A.S.C. by the smallest possible margin.

The R.A.S.C. batted first and made 113, scoring being brisk and the innings lasting just over an hour. Crowcroft batted very well for 37, and Fry (who hit a six), Andrews, Mackay and Simpson all reached double figures. The most successful R.A.M.C. bowler was Collins who took 4 wickets for 32 runs.

The R.A.M.C. started none too well with two wickets down for 5 runs, but Joyce and Davies improved matters considerably by taking the score to 52 for 4 wickets, Davies making 17. Joyce made a great effort to win the match, but did not receive much assistance from the remaining batsmen.

The finish was as exciting as any one could wish, five runs being required to win when the last man went in. Joyce brought the score to 111, and then attempting to score a second run from a hit could not reach the wicket in time and was run out with the score at 112. It was an unfortunate finish to a really fine innings of 63. Fry, with 4 wickets for 39, was the most successful R.A.S.C. bowler, three of the R.A.M.C. being run out.

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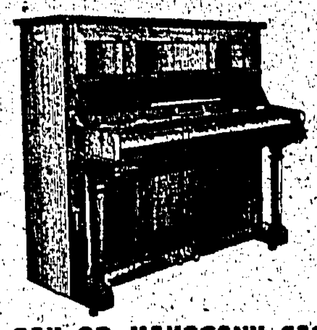

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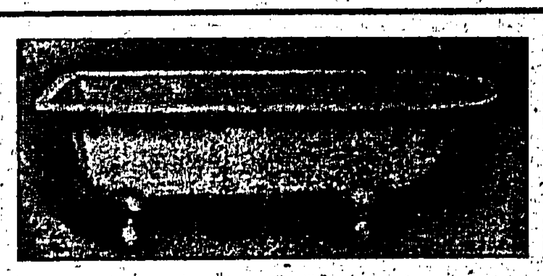

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The Avenging Parrot

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CHAPTER XLIII.

Bonnie Dundee's sudden exit from Lieutenant Strawn's office on the heels of his promise to produce the "bad penny" by Monday night was due not so much to a boyish love of a dramatic exit as to an almost panicky desire to evade questioning by his astute chief.

For Strawn would inevitably have demanded: "If you believe Dan Griffin is an boarder at the Rhodes House, who else could he be but Henry Dowd? He is the only member of the household who has given a false name and false address. Better let me put him on the grill. I'll soon find out if he's Dan Graffin!"

And Dundee did not want Strawn or anyone else to "grill" Henry Dowd just yet. For he sincerely believed that such tactics would get them nowhere, at least for a long and tedious time. For if Henry Dowd was indeed Dan Griffin, murderer of three women, he was a consummately clever villain. For five years Dan Griffin had lived under some alias or other, in perhaps a score of cities. And if Henry Dowd was Griffin, he had undoubtedly covered his tracks well, had built up a story of his "past" which would necessitate endless police investigations before its falsity could be proved, and his real identity pinned upon him. Not tamely would a man who had the brains and the cold-blooded courage to kill three women confess that he was not only a bank absconder but a murderer.

Moreover, Dan Griffin, whoever he was, had been amply assured by the newspapers both in Hamilton and New York that he had not left a single clue upon the actual scene of any of his three crimes. With this assurance, Henry Dowd, if he was really Dan Griffin, could simply deny all knowledge of the three crimes, as, before the coroner's jury and upon first being questioned, he had denied all knowledge of or complicity in the Hogarth and Barker murders. As for his alias, if it was challenged, he could stick to his story or present the police with an intricate new one which would keep them busy for days or weeks before they could prove its falsity.

And even if its falsity was proved, where would the police be then? In five years Dan Griffin had had ample opportunity to change his appearance and personality so that an identification by a Belton acquaintance would be practically an impossibility. But granted that Henry Dowd could be proved to be Dan Griffin, just how near a conviction would the police be then? The district attorney could prove opportunity and motive, but of actual evidence connecting Henry Dowd with the crimes there was none. The fact that Dowd had left New York the very evening of the day that Sally Graves or Griffin had been murdered would be strong circumstantial evidence, but it alone could not secure a conviction of murder against him.

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As for the two murders at the Rhodes House, a clever defence attorney could convince any jury that, no matter if Dan Griffin was an inmate of the house when the two crimes were committed, others besides Griffin had both motive and opportunity to kill Mrs. Hogarth—the motive being greed.

No, his case was not complete by any means, would not be complete even if he proved that Henry Dowd was Dan Griffin, Dundee told himself ruefully as he took his seat at the dinner table. But he liked a hard job. . . .

He was late. The soup plates had been removed and Tilda, red-eyed and nervous, was serving the well-filled plates of roast and vegetables.

The dining room was crowded with "menlers"—many of them the sensation-seekers who had filled to overflowing the inquest room at the morgue. These transients shuddered delightedly over their daring in actually coming to the "Murder Mansion" for a meal, exchanged theories in thrilled whispers, and quite openly studied the group of regular boarders with speculative eyes.

But upon that large table in the centre of the room a blight had fallen. Mrs. Rhodes had considerately rearranged the chairs and removed one so that the horror of gazing upon Cora Barker's empty chair was spared the remaining boarders. There was almost no conversation. On every face were the marks of strain and terror. As clearly as if it were spoken aloud a dread question made itself heard above the faint tinkle of silver and glass and china—"Who next?"

Dundee, taking his place with only a nod to his fellow guests, knew that that table would have been deserted that evening if Lieutenant Strawn had not brutally commanded them to remain as guests of the house, on pain of arrest as material witnesses if they dared flee to less sinister quarters.

"Have you heard the news, Mr. Dundee?" Lawrence Sharp broke the heavy silence at last.

"No I hope it's good news this time," Dundee answered quietly.

"Poor Cora's mother arrived from Quincy, Illinois, just before dinner," Mr. Sharp answered, pleased in spite of his depression at having news to impart. "She's having a tray in her room, poor old soul . . . Cora's room, that is. She asked to be permitted to stay there until her train leaves after midnight. Getting Cora's things together, I understand."

"Are the police permitting her to remove Cora's belongings?" Dundee asked innocently.

"I believe so. Mrs. Barker has just telephoned police headquarters and Lieutenant Strawn is coming over shortly to be here while she packs. But I understand that nothing has been found in the poor girl's room to aid the police in any way. It was the sad privilege of the wife and me to have a short talk with Mrs. Barker, and to tell her how much all of us had loved her daughter?"

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"I wish I hadn't come back last night," Mrs. Sharp broke in tearfully. "I wish I'd stayed out the week with Larry. He wanted me to."

"I presume Mrs. Barker will take Cora home with her for—for burial?" Dundee asked with a fleeting glance of sympathy for Bert Magnus, who was not eating but whose eyes had not left his untouched food since Dundee had entered the room.

"On the one o'clock train," Mr. Sharp replied heavily. "Will you pass me the catsup, please, Mr. Dowd?. . . . Not that I have the slightest appetite, but we must all try to keep up our strength—"

As Henry Dowd complied silently with the request, Dundee studied him covertly but keenly. With Lieutenant Strawn's meagre description of the Dan Griffin of five years ago in mind, the young detective noted and catalogued every feature and characteristic of the man seated opposite him.

"I finally doped it out that Dan Griffin must have been so ordinary looking a young man that his face made no deep impression on anyone," Strawn had said. And that characterization could aptly be applied to Henry Dowd. If—before this moment—Dundee had been called upon to describe Henry Dowd for a police dossier, he would have been hard put to it to achieve even a fair degree of accuracy. For Dowd's was one of those faces you simply cannot recall vividly to mind.

"What colour are his eyes anyway?" Dundee puzzled. "I would have sworn they were blue-grey and now, in this light, and behind those glasses of his, they look grey-green. Hair-thin, light-brown mixed with grey. Forehead very high, but that may be because he's growing bald. Age? Say 34 to 38, and I'd defy anyone to hit it closer than that. Griffin would be about 35, so that checks. A gold eye-tooth on the right side, but that dental job could have been done any time during the last five years, as a tiny item toward creating a subtle disguise. . . . But I'll be eternally confounded if Henry Dowd or whoever he is looks subtle!"

No, there was nothing in Henry Dowd's face or manner to suggest cleverness or subtlety. The only two words which adequately described him were "meek" and different." But of Dan Griffin his acquaintances in Belton had said, "You'd never have guessed to look at him, that he'd rob a bank."

Mentally, Dundee ticked off the other items of Strawn's description of Dan Griffin: "Neither tall nor short—between five feet seven and five feet ten. Average weight, inclined to be slender rather than heavy. Regular features—nothing odd about them; neither handsome nor homely." So far so good! The meek little man across the table fitted those qualifications exactly.

"But Dan Griffin did not wear glasses," he reminded himself. "Glasses are, however, the first thought of the amateur criminal trying to disguise himself. Effective, too, for glasses have been known not only to change the facial appearance of a man but his personality as well. But if Henry Dowd is Dan Griffin, he was clever enough not to adopt any of the other obvious methods of disguising his looks—dyeing his hair or wearing a wig, growing a beard, affecting a limp, scarring his cheek. For two years Dan Griffin has known that there are no records of his fingerprints in existence. Trust him to know that the Belton police tation, with all its records, burned to the ground! But there is a sample of your handwriting in my pocket, Mr. Daniel Thomas Griffin, and I rather think my next step is to obtain a specimen of the real handwriting of Mr. Henry Dowd, not that clumsy "printing" with which he signed the register."

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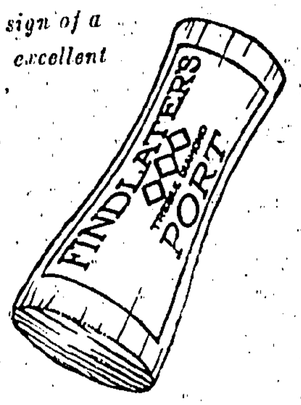

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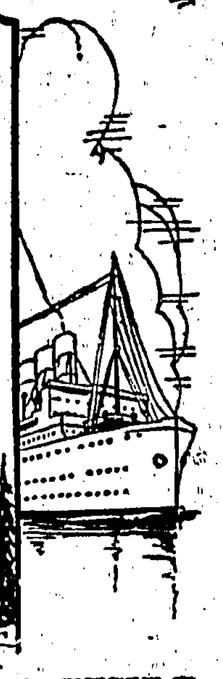

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Fall of the Dollar.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—"A.I.T.S." asserts that the term "silver basis" has been very loosely employed in the past when dealing with the Colony's currency, and points out that it did not appear in the Banks' *official* announcement of October 24th last.

May I suggest, however, that if there has been any misconception created by the use of the term, it is due more to our bankers than to anyone else?

Whilst it is true that the announcement of October 24th did not contain the allegedly misleading term, a reference to the *S. C. M. Post* will show that Mr. A. H. Ferguson, in giving out the announcement, added that "the decision to re-establish the currency of Hongkong on a silver basis was a unanimous one."

Furthermore, an earlier *official* intimation, made on behalf of the Banks on October 18th by Mr. J. S. McEachran, was to the effect that "the Banks have agreed to the re-establishment of the currency of the Colony on a silver basis."

If further evidence is required of the use of the term by men who ought to know what they are talking about, I would refer "A.I.T.S." to an interview of October 7th, when the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, referred to three ways in which the situation could be adjusted, remarking that "one was to get the local currency back to the silver basis."

No one needs to be told that our currency has always been backed by silver, but I do suggest that the quotations which I have given above show that even the Colony's leading bankers realised before the slump that, in actual fact, notes rather than silver had become the real basis. "A.I.T.S." says that our banknotes promise to pay only silver dollars, but is it not a fact that, until the decision of October, the Banks forced notes rather than dollars on their customers? As I see the matter, this policy of the Banks put our currency on a new foundation or basis. It may have been fictitious and artificial, but that does not alter the fact. The bankers admit so much when they so insistently refer to the re-establishment of a silver basis.

COMMON CENTS.

Teaching of English.

Sir,—With reference to Prof. Simpson's instructive lecture on English difficulties and "Kelt's" interesting letter on the Junior Local debacle (English being, I presume, in the majority of cases the "failing" subject), it seems to me that the method of teaching English to Chinese in Hongkong is utterly at fault.

To all non-English speakers the difficulties of English are admittedly great, but to the Chinese, who are diametrically opposed to us in so many points of thought, habit and custom, they must be superlatively so. Why, then, in the name of all that is educational, are Hongkong Chinese taught English through the archaisms and obsolescences of Shakespeare and Lamb, or the incomprehensibilities of certain "selected" Essays, so that most of the teachers' time is wasted in showing that certain expressions are now ungrammatical, or altogether changed in meaning; or in trying to explain thought as obscure and language as involved as those in an Einstein treatise, to students, who, unless continually watched, will write such "English" as "Until the men was died his friends were bury him."

Surely to Chinese who study English "because it is spoken in America," a thorough grounding in plain, matter-of-fact English prose such, for instance, as that found in well-written newspaper leaders, would be of infinitely greater service than the teaching of obsolescences and profundities.

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While on this subject, it would be interesting to know why it is (as alleged) that in the case of an exact subject like Mathematics the University prescribes a definite text-book, whereas in the case of a vague and wide subject like European History no guidance is given, so that a student may toil a whole year to no purpose, the subject of the examination questions being of a nature totally different from that studied.

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PEAK TRAGEDY INQUEST.

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person?—I regarded him as a perfectly normal person so far as a person suffering from a heart in the condition such as his. He had full control of his senses. When attacks of angina pectoris occurred, however, it was a known fact, that then a person might for a varying time, from seconds to hours, lose full possession of his mental powers. I wish to make that quite clear. A person suffering from such a complaint was quite capable of carrying out his work as he has warning of the attack and he will know when he is getting right again as his head will be "thick," probably for a matter of hours, and as soon as that is removed he will be as fresh as ever and will be able to carry on in quite a normal way.

The Coroner:—Assuming for the moment that Mr. Burnett did shoot his wife first and then himself, can you form any opinion as to what his mind might have been like at the time?—Yes. My opinion, based on knowledge as a doctor of the patient, is that the excitement and pleasure of New Year's Day had been a considerable strain upon his heart, and that this in turn had resulted in another attack, maybe more severe than before, but certainly as severe, of angina pectoris.

The Coroner mentioned that certain letters left by the deceased would be handed to the jury, and he asked the doctor if he considered it was possible that the attack occurred before he wrote those letters.

Dr. Cannon replied, "Yes."

The Coroner:—Could the attack have taken place in front of his wife, without her noticing it?—Yes.

Duration of Attack.

Dr. Cannon suggested that the attack might have been caused by the extra exertion of walking up the hill to the deceased's office.

The Coroner: How long would the attack last. Was he incapacitated?—Oh no, although it has been known that these attacks last as long as half-an-hour.

The Coroner pointed out that the letters were written on paper with the "Newspaper Enterprise" heading, but none of that paper was found in the house, and it looked possible that Mr. Burnett took some of the stationary up to his house from the office, or he might have had the attack in the office after he had walked up the hill and that the letters were written in the office.

In reply to a further question, Dr. Cannon said that he considered that at the time of the tragedy, Mr. Burnett was temporarily insane.

The Coroner referred to some photographs which Mr. Burnett had in his office depicting skulls and asked the doctor if such grim humour could have any bearing on the tragedy, and would it tend towards a morbid tendency?

Dr. Cannon replied:—If I remember rightly these photographs were given to me in his office on December 12 and I think Mr. Dobbie was there at the time. Mr. Burnett said in quite a jocular manner "If ever I come to the mortuary I hope you will cut me up, as Mr. King would like the photographs and they would make a useful anatomy for the students."

"It might be of interest," added the witness, "that on the morning of the Haiching piracy, Mr. Burnett asked permission to visit the public mortuary, and he did so."

The Coroner:—Was Mrs. Burnett perfectly sane?—Yes. Mrs. Burnett was as sound as a bell, and they were, so far as I know, a very affectionate couple.

The Coroner:—Did he say anything to you to make you think he was contemplating suicide:—Not that I can remember.

Sound Finances.

The next witness was Mr. J. H. Seth of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, auditors of the *China Mail* newspaper, who said that he had known Mr. Burnett for some 12 years. The newspaper had been through difficult times like all other firms since 1925, but it was quite a going concern and its finances were quite sound. He knew Mr. and Mrs. Burnett to be an attached couple, their only worry being that they were afraid of his heart. He had never expressed intention of suicide to witness.

Coolie's Discovery.

Ho Cheung, house coolie in the employ of the late Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, said that at about 10.30 p.m. on January 1st. he went up to the drawing room as usual to close the windows. He knew his master and mistress were in at the time, and after he had closed one window in the drawing room, he noticed his master sitting on the sofa. His master always bade him "good-night" and as he did not then, witness became frightened. He looked at him and immediately ran downstairs because he did not know if his master were dead or not. Earlier in the evening he heard a bang as of a cymbal falling on the floor, but he was in the cook-house at the time and he did not take much notice of it. This occurred about 9 p.m. His master returned home at 7.35 p.m. that evening and he seemed quite ordinary and was in high spirits. When he first saw Mr. Burnett on the sofa he thought he was reading a book, but on closer examination he discovered it was a revolver, which was in his left hand. He had been with Mr. Burnett for 3 years and 4 months and his master had always been very kind to him in every way.

Radio Operated.

The cook boy employed by Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, said he had been with the deceased lady and gentleman since 1927. They had tiffin at 1 p.m. on New Year's Day and then went to bed. They had tea at 4 p.m. and later went out, to return at 7.35 p.m. by the clock in the hall. Mr. Burnett appeared quite normal and ate a normal dinner, which was finished by 8.15 p.m. Witness went to his quarters at half-past eight, when he saw his master go upstairs, after he and Mrs. Burnett had had the radio on in the drawing room. Whilst witness was reading a newspaper he heard a noise about 9 p.m. as though a large fork had fallen to the floor in the dining room, and five or six minutes later he heard a similar noise, but he did not take any notice of it. The house boy came and aroused him about 10 p.m. and told him what he had seen. Witness went upstairs and peeped through the curtain and saw that his master was dead. He immediately went to the police station and made a report.

Mr. T. H. King enquired if witness knew that his master had a pistol, and the boy replied that he knew he had, as he had seen it sometimes on top of the drawers in his master's bedroom.

Visit to Kowloon.

The Coroner said that there was to have been a lady witness to say that Mr. and Mrs. Burnett were in Kowloon during the evening, but she was too ill to attend the enquiry. She had, however, made a statement which he would read. The statement, which was made by Mrs. Bevan, of Cameron Road, Kowloon, stated that Mr. and Mrs. Burnett visited her about 6 p.m. on New Year's day. Mr. Burnett had a brandy diluted with water, and then mended a clock of hers which had gone wrong. They left about 7.30 p.m. having visited her specially to wish her a happy New Year.

Mr. King said that he was satisfied that the clock which she stated Mr. Burnett to have mended, had gone wrong, and that it was probably half an hour or an hour fast.

The next witness was Leung Chau, the night watchman of the *China Mail* Offices, who said that about 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett came into the office, after having walked up Wyndham Street. Mr. Burnett unlocked his office and Mrs. Burnett went in with him. They were there about ten minutes, but he did not know what they were doing. When he came out of his office Mr. Burnett failed to pull the key out of the lock, and he asked witness to help him, which he did without success, and Mr. Burnett decided to leave it in the lock over night, and to send for a locksmith in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett came out to the side door and Mr. Burnett seemed very cheerful and wished witness a happy New Year. He cleared the letter box of letters and telegrams, and Mrs. Burnett and witness helped to open them, whilst he read them.

The Coroner:—It seems then that the letters were either written between 8.30 and 9 p.m. or the day before.

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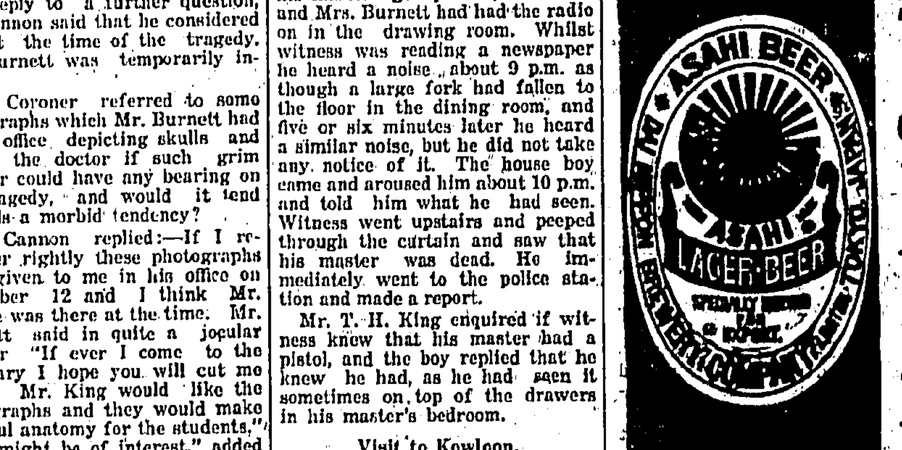

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AMERICA & WORLD COURT.

SENATE UNLIKELY TO ACT IN PRESENT SESSION.

THE TARIFF MORASS.

Washington, Jan. 15.

President and Mrs. Hoover to-day entertained General Smuts to luncheon, the guests including the Secretaries for War and Commerce.

General Smuts' visit has naturally stimulated interest in political circles regarding the question of the adherence of the United States to the World Court. There appears little likelihood, however, that President Hoover will ask the Senate to ratify adherence in the current session of Congress.

If that is the case, the Government will not be in a position to participate in the election of Judges of the Court, including the appointment of a successor to Mr. Hughes, when the Council of the League meets at Geneva in September to hold the elections.

Those in close touch with Mr. Hoover say that the President is very keen on having the Protocol ratified, but in view of the absence of Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, and the Senate leaders, Mr. Reed and Mr. Robinson, as well as the crowded programme of the Senate, which is still enmeshed in the tariff morass, the World Court issue will probably not be brought up for several months.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOME OF THE NAVY CONFERENCE.

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the entrance, which still exists. The parklands and deer forest then extended to beyond Hampstead Heath.

Once a Prison.

Cromwell turned the Royal residence into a State prison and destroyed much of its interior beauty. Charles II. refurnished it and it again became a Royal Palace. At that time the park and ornamental gardens were finished; in the vicinity, where is now Pall Mall, Charles built a house for Nell Gwynne.

The Palace, built as a pence resort for Henry VIII., had now become the centre of feasting, junketing, and pleasure of the Stuarts and their entourage. Never were such follies and inconsequences known.

But in December, 1688, James II. fled as a banished and discredited King, and with him went the merry laughter of his dynasty. William of Orange took possession under the protecton of a Dutch Guard, and from that time St. James's Palace settled down to dull respectability.

Anne used it as her official residence, and three Georges lived there in gloomy middle-class imposity.

Queen Victoria was the last Sovereign to be present and proclaimed from the gates of the Palace. It is still used for levee and official ceremonies.

CANTON AUDITING ORDER.

FOREIGN ACCOUNTANTS NOT RECOGNISED.

Canton, Jan. 15.

A circular notification issued yesterday by the Department of Reconstruction under the instructions of the Minister of Labour and Commerce, to all its incorporated offices, directs that no auditors of any other nationalities than Chinese are to be employed for checking and taking care of accounting work in any of the Government offices, general commercial houses or other public organizations in the various provinces throughout the country.

The same notification also declares that the report and auditing of accounts kept in the Chinese commercial houses or Government offices by foreign auditiors or chartered accountants will not be recognized by the Government in case of law-suits.—*Canton Gazette.*

The Yuck Chi Boys' and Girls' College of 481-491, Nathan Road, Kowloon, are holding their fifth annual handiwork exhibition at their premises, on all floors, daily from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 10 p.m., from Tuesday, when the exhibition started until to-day. The exhibits comprise needlework, embroidery, painting in Chinese and Western styles, and work in plaster, wax, rattan, paper, and bamboo, etc.

LAD BADLY MAULED BY DOGS.

PORTUGUESE BOY RESCUED IN NICK OF TIME.

OWNER FINED TO-DAY.

Fears of what might have happened to a young Portuguese boy who was being badly mauled by two dogs, belonging to a Chinese residing at 1, Bedford Road, Kowloon Tong, were expressed by Sergeant Groves, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when two summonses were mentioned against the owner of the animals for allowing them to be abroad without muzzles.

The defendant intimated that he was not aware that the dogs had been out of his house.

Sergeant Groves said that on January 3, a Portuguese gentleman reported to the Kowloon City Police Station that his son, Richard Xavier, and two other small boys were passing the defendant's house when his two dogs, pushing open the gate, rushed into the street. The animals badly mauled Richard Xavier who had to be taken to hospital for treatment, being detained for four days. He was still receiving medical attention.

The officer mentioned that the dogs had the boy on the ground and were badly mauling him when Mrs. Law and her servants chased the animals away.

His Worship asked the defendant if he was aware that his dogs were so savage, the defendant replying that the animals were constantly being agitated by boys throwing stones at them.

Sergeant Groves said the dogs, which had since been removed to Mataukok for observation, had previously bitten one man who, being a friend of the defendant, had declined take action. The police applied for an order for one of the animals to be destroyed.

His Worship replied that he could not take into account what the officer had mentioned, as the defendant was only charged with allowing his dogs to be abroad without muzzles.

Sergeant Groves said he did not know what would have happened to the boy if Mrs. Law and her amahs had not rushed out and chased the animals away.

The defendant was fined $5 on each charge.

The defendant asked if he could have his animals returned, but it was pointed out that they were under observation and would be returned if the authorities thought fit. If they were found to be vicious, they might possibly be destroyed. One of the animals was stated to be worth $450.

HOME FOR POOR CHINESE.

CANTON AUTHORITIES ACCEPT TENDER.

Canton, Jan. 15.

About a fortnight ago, the Municipality invited tenders from the various building contractors in the city for building a large hostel for the new branch of the Poor Relief Home in Shekpai.

It is learned that the tenders have been already opened by the Municipal authorities with the result that the lowest offer of $39,400 by the Kinlung Company has been accepted.

Owing to the amount of funds possessed by the Home being found to be insufficient to meet the whole cost of building the hostel, the Municipality has obtained the *permission of the Provincial* Government to release from the Bureau of Finance the amount of $10,000, which had been paid by the Lee Yuan Company, rickshaw-franchise holder of the city, as fines for having committed the offence of extorting extra rents from the rickshaw-pullers.—*Canton Gazette.*

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Jan. 15.

Paris	123.92
Brussels	34.955
Amsterdam	12.10⅝
Berlin	20.38
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.59
Helsingfors	193⅝
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	45.1/16
Shanghai	2/0½
Yokohama	2/0¼
New York	4.86 29/32
Geneva	25.155
Milan	93.00
Stockholm	18.135
Oslo	18.215
Prague	164¼
Madrid	36.925
Athens	375
Rio	5.15/32
Bombay	1/5.15/16
Hongkong	1/6⅝
Silver (spot)	20⅝
Silver (forward)	20⅞

—*British Wireless.*

"RED" ACTIVE IN GERMANY.

BERLIN POLICE HAVE A HECTIC NIGHT.

DEATHS IN SAXONY.

Berlin, Jan. 15.

Fresh troubles are occurring in Germany as the result of Communist activity.

The police of the capital had a hectic time to-night in dealing with riotous Communists, after a meeting which had been held in memory of the Communist "martyrs" Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

Disturbances broke out in several districts, the rioters using knuckle-dusters and the police wielding truncheons.

There were numerous minor casualties, and many arrests were made.—*Reuter.*

Berlin, Jan. 15.

Three demonstrators were killed and fifteen injured, in addition to three policemen being injured, during a collision between the police and Communists in the neighbourhood of Hartsmannsdorf, in Saxony, to-day.

Thousands of workmen, reinforced by numbers of unemployed from Chemnitz and elsewhere, demonstrated outside a factory as a protest against the alleged injustice inflicted by the Law Courts to striking fellow-workers.—*Reuter.*

CARDROOM EXCLUSION

COMPLAINT AGAINST CLUB COMMITTEE.

Mr. Justice Farwell, in the Chancery Division recently had before him the motion by Major Henri Bettelheim, of Jermyn-street, W., for an injunction restraining Sir Arnold B. Gridley, and the other members of the Managing Committee of the Devonshire Club, St. James's-street, S.W., from excluding him from the club cardrooms for six months.

It was alleged that the plaintiff, while playing bridge at the club with Mr. Carroll Marx, against Mr. George Morris and Mr. R. T. Hill, threw the score sheet at Mr. Marx in a fit of temper. This the plaintiff denied.

The sequel was a complaint to the Managing Committee and the decision of the Committee to exclude the plaintiff. Subsequently the Committee were advised that the decision was ineffectual, and they decided to rehear the case.

Mr. Archer, K.C., for the Major, said that the Committee had since passed a resolution suspending the Major until January 31 from the use of the club. They said that their previous decision of partial suspension was invalid. In the meantime it was quite impossible for the Major to continue his attitude of being at liberty to attend the club. He (counsel) thought the best thing would be to ask that there should be no order on the motion except that the costs should be costs in the action, and that the Major be at liberty to bring another action if necessary.

Mr. Justice Farwell said he thought the proper order would be, no order on the motion except that the costs be reserved, and he made his order accordingly.

GUARDS WARNED ABOUT HYDE PARK.

SEQUEL TO BLACKMAIL ALLEGATIONS.

Guardsmen must not loiter in Hyde Park.

This is the effect of orders just issued.

The Park has not been placed out of bounds to Guardsmen, but they have been instructed to be careful of their behaviour there, not to loiter or sit down, and not to pick up any acquaintances.

Supplementing this order, company commanders at Wellington, Knights-bridge and Chelsea Barracks and the Tower of London have given their men sound advice on how the regulations are to be interpreted, and the police have been instructed to see that they are carried out.

The new order is obviously a sequel to an Old Bailey case when allegations of blackmail were made against Guardsmen.

Mr. Percival Clarke (prosecuting) said: "There is a gang of blackmailers in the Guards or in Guards' uniform, who frequent Hyde Park looking for likely victims."

In that case Albert Edward Wilkinson, a Grenadier, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for stealing an overcoat. It was alleged that he and a civilian attacked and robbed their victim in some mews near Hyde Park.

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